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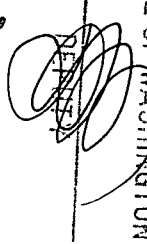
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Respondent,

v.

RONALD LEE SORENSON,

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B. ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR

1. The State did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Sorenson committed the crimes charged.

2. The trial court abused its discretion when it denied a motion for continuance -- in order for counsel to adequately prepare for trial.

3. The trial court abused its discretion when it failed to give limiting instruction once requested by counsel.

C. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. Prior Proceedings

After 20 years of marriage, Mr. Ron Sorenson and his wife, Sabrina, began discussing separation. RP 2 at 132. Mr. Sorenson was employed as a truck driver for various food stores, working 70-hours per week, and handed every work check to his wife. One year prior to separation, Sabrina began planning for the divorce by neglecting to pay the mortgage, bills, as well as the car payments.

In July, 2010, the appellant informed Sabrina that he had "had enough," and the couple stopped communicating with each other. That evening, the appellant received a text-message² from Sabrina, who specifically stated "[t]his is not what I want," [separation]. While truck driving, the appellant phoned his wife stating "I'm done." Thereafter, Sabrina continued to text-message Mr. Sorenson, stating [w]e can work this out," and "[w]e can go to counseling."

The appellant phoned Sabrina and stated "I've tried for 20-years." Finally, Sabrina sent a threatening text-stating "This is the last time I'm going to ask you!" The appellant phoned Sabrina and informed her that he was not in love with her anymore.

² Defense counsel made an attempt to retrieve these text-messages, inter alia, but was denied a continuance to prepare for trial.

On July 22, 2010, Mr. Sorenson awoke for breakfast, whereas, Sabrina informed him that she intended on having a 'separation meeting' with their daughters, and daughter-like niece. [Interview of Sabrina, June 1, 2011, at 4-6]. In this regard, Sabrina planned on not having the appellant attend this meeting, and concocted a scheme to implicate herself as the cause of the separation, stating that she was 'molested' as a child. RP 2 at 133-34.

2. Interview of Sabrina

Defense counsel made an attempt to develop the Interview transcripts, but was denied a continuance to prepare for trial.

On June 1, 2011, Sabrina's interview further reflects that she prompted their children to implicate the appellant in the fabricated 'child abuse' for financial gain. The apparent reason for these false accusations were prompted by the fact that she would no longer receive the appellant's work checks. Mr. Sorenson accepted responsibility in the care of his family by giving Sabrina \$1,500.00 a month without a court order.

During the interview, Sabrina stated that their daughter Bridget said that "something" happened between Bridget and her dad. Their step-daughter Ashley Howard² 'eventually' stated that she was also touched by Sorenson.

² Ashley had undergone previous child molestation with one of her relatives while she lived with her mother. The appellant agreed to obtain legal custody of her.

During this interview, Sabrina admitted lying to the appellant on the telephone when he made several attempts to speak with their daughters in regards to the separation. [Interview, at 4-7].

After the meeting, Sabrina set the stage by phoning Children Protection Services, stating that "one" of her daughters were molested by her father. EXHIBIT - C. Sabrina also decided to wait until after the two-day week end to dial 911 emergency.

In this regard, the couple had always spoken to their daughters together, especially the issue of "bad touching." [Interview at 13]. However, Sabrina's plan would have back-fired if Mr. Sorenson was allowed to attend this 'separation meeting,' and therefore, Sabrina accomplished her scheme of accusing the appellant of child abuse.

During the interview, Sabrina insisted that their daughters claimed that they were 'touched' by their dad. See also RP, (January 23, 2012), at 16. No allegations of 'touching' surfaced until this 'separation meeting,' and this touching occurred while the appellant and Sabrina were asleep in their bedroom. Sabrina conceded that she had never seen her husband do anything inappropriate with their children. RP 173.

3. Interview of Brooke

On June 1, 2011, the couple's daughter Brooke

described her family as 'happy,' and that she had an 'ok' dad 'who was never home.'" [Interview at 1-2]. Subsequently, for seven months after the separation meeting, Brooke continued to deny to police that she was touched inappropriately by her dad, and continued to keep in contact with Mr. Sorenson's mother.

When asked when the first time "something" happened between her and her dad, Brooke replied that she could not remember the date or year, as well as what school she had attended or the house she lived in at the time of the 'touching.' Id. at 2. Finally, Brooke guessed she was 13-years old. Id. at 3. Finally, Brooke alleged that she awoke in her parents bedroom, with her hand in her dad's pants. Id. at 4. Brooke began to 'confuse' herself when she described another 'problem' with her dad:

"I was in the house we are living in now so it was the same kind of thing except for like this time my hand was down his pants when I was sleeping and then when I woke up with his hand down my pants, and I was like 'okay,' and then I just got up and left did the same thing and it was just like 'he wouldn't do something like that.' "So then I just went back downstairs."

[Interview at 6]. The reason for the 7-month denial and "coming forward" was "I just didn't want to talk about it.. and I didn't want him [dad] to be able to drag it out like he is." This was the excuse for lying to police for 7-months. During the divorce, Sabrina convinced Brooke that her father didn't love her anymore; Brooke was unaware that Sabrina had placed a no-contact order against her dad.

~~During trial, Brooke testified as to what she stated~~
during the interview. 3RP(January 24, 2012), at 403-05.
At the time of these allegations, Mr. Sorenson was asleep
on his bed in his bedroom. 3RP 406. Brook testified
that she never slept with her dad after she awoke with
her hand inside of her dad's pants. This was contrary
to the interview, whereas, Brooke claimed that it happened
more than once. Further, Brooke's statement that she
never slept with her dad thereafter, contradicts AH's
statements she made during her interview -- "Brooke was
a daddy's girl who slept with her dad all the time." 3RP-
410; 429.

Brooke's FaceBook Page, which was held inadmissible
at trial, reveals that Brooke had an amazing life, an
amazing family, great friends, and she wouldn't change
any of it for the world. EXHIBIT - A.

4. Interview of Brdiget

On June 1, 2011, Bridget revealed that her sister
Brooke "and dad were really close." [Interview at 3].
This may explain the 7-month elapse in time in Brooke
'coming forward." When asked if anything happened between
her and her dad, Bridget replied that her dad grabbed her
hand while she was asleep and put her hand in his pants.
Id. at 3-4. It was also apparant that Mr. Sorenson was
asleep during these alleged incidents.

Bridget further stated that her dad never treated her

² Based on the Interview, Brooke's testimony reflects
that she was coached as to identifying the male and female
organs.

any different after this alleged incident. [Interview, at 6]. When asked whether her mother Sabrina had went into detail as to her molestation, Bridget responded 'no.'

However, when asked if something happened between her and her dad, Bridget stated that she too awoke with her hand in her dads pants, and had no idea how it had got there. Id. at 8.

Finally, Bridget stated that during the 'meeting,' she 'kind of started getting into it,' and "I didn't say names or what happened or anything." Ironically, Bridget stated that her mother Sabrina would have a talk with her dad, the appellant, about Bridget's accusations against him. Id. at 10.

5. Interview of Britney

On June 1, 2011, Britney stated that her parents had never fought, and that she noticed that her parents had stopped talking. [Interview at 3]. Britney too stated that her dad had touched her inappropriately and that he was asleep when she woke up. Id. at 5. Evidence shows that Britney and her dad, Mr. Sorenson, were "at odds" with each other, which may have worked to the appellant's disadvantage when being accused of such a heinous crime. Specifically, Britney alleged that this 'touching' occurred over a ten-year period. Id. at 8. Britney stated that eventually, "During the meeting," she informed her mother that "it happened," and AH stated "it happened to her too." Id. at 10. During trial, Britney testified that she awoke

with her dad's hand in her pants while on a beach in the State of Oregon. 3RP(January 24, 2012), at 235. Thereafter his hands would be "up my shirt, or my hand would be in his pants, or his hand near my pants." 3RP 237.

Ironically, Britney testified that she continued to sleep with her parents despite the 'bad touching.' 3RP 238-39.

Britney conceded that her parents together, always discussed bad touching with her, and incessantly confided in her to tell someone if anyone touched her inappropriately. 3RP 243-44. None of Britney's testimony reveal that Mr. Sorenson was awake during these alleged incidents.

6. Interview of Ashley Howard

On June 1, 2011, AH stated that her "step-dad" had begun touching her inappropriately, albeit on the 'couch.' Supposedly, the appellant had a "cast on his foot," and with Mr. Sorenson being awake, he touched her inappropriately whereas, she began to get scared and went into the bathroom, and then outside to wait for Sabrina to come home from softball practice with the other girls. [Interview at 5]. Ashley was also aware that Brooke and her dad were "very close." Id. at 8:

Britney always laid on the couch with Ron, and sometimes she would absolutely not want to, and Ron would get mad and be like "oh, you don't love me anymore?" Id.

To the contrary, Brooke's testimony reveals that she never slept with her dad after an alleged touching had

~~occurred. Moreover, AH cleared up the dilemma between~~

Mr. Sorenson and his daughter Britney:

"Ron was always upset with Britney most of the time for not being more responsible, and Britney resented this treatment." ID. at 8.

As to the 'separation meeting,' Ashley stated that Sabrina phoned her, asking her to come to the meeting. Ashley further stated that she was employed and thus, had to work that evening. However, Sabrina insisted that Ashley had to be present at the meeting, and that it could not wait until the next day. ID.

Contrary to the other statements made by the Sorenson's daughters, the step-daughter AH stated that Mr. Sorenson and Sabrina had been 'fighting.' ID. at 9.

Mr. Colton, Ashley's boyfriend, and their baby girl (that Mr. Sorenson babysat for AH while she worked), were downstairs during the 'meeting.' However, Ashley intentionally hid this fact, stating that only Mr. Sorenson's son, Blake, was downstairs.

Finally, AH stated that during the meeting, Sabrina "kept beating around the bush," and finally, Sabrina "broke the ice" by informing the girls that she had been molested as a child. Sabrina then insisted that the girls tell her if anything happened to them, because Sabrina and the appellant were separating. Ashley stated that finally, she "gave in" stating "it was dad." ID. at 11.

However, AH's prevarification surfaced when she stated that after the alleged touching, she distanced herself from

~~the Sorenson family when she moved out of the home. Id.~~

at 12-14. Actually, AH would drop her daughter off with the appellant whereas, he would babysit for AH for 2-hours. Thereafter, Ashley's mother was then available to pick AH's infant girl from the Sorenson's home. Furthermore, Ashley also attended the Sorenson BBQ cookouts, birthdays and holidays.

During trial, AH testified that "it happened" only one day. She testified that the appellant stated "[o]h, come lay with me on the couch." 3RP(January 24, 2012), at 281; 286-87, (emphasis). It was also alleged that Mr. Sorenson was awake when he attempted to undo AH's pants. 3RP 288. However, AH ruined her own credibility when upon cross-examination, the defense asked AH if she had anything to gain by testifying. 3RP 311. AH testified under oath: "absolutely not." The defense presented Mr. Sorenson's requested document -- a civil claim filed against him by AH. 3RP 334.

7. Alexis Brinkley's prevarification

The State knew of AB's allegations against the appellant for several months, and waited until it was too late for the defense to interview AB's psychiatrist, before amending the said charges against Mr. Sorenson. The defense was able to interview AB before trial. Consequently, the defense was denied a continuance to interview the psychiatrist, who would have testified that (1) AB had accused three other persons other than Mr. Sorenson of

~~"bad touching,"~~ (2) AB had been in counseling for several years for past alleged sexual abuse, and (3) the psychiatrist labeled AB as a "perpetual liar."

Consequently, the trial court only allowed the defense to ask AB whether she was in counseling to the jury. However, the jury may have interpreted that AB was in counseling for what the appellant allegedly had done to her. EXHIBIT - A, [Interview of Alexis Brinkley, at 36-38.

18-year old Alexis testified that her uncle, the appellant, would touch her inappropriately "over the clothes" while laying on the couch. 3RP(January 24, 2012), at 370. Coaching was apparent as AB described to the jury that she and the defendant would be lying "spooning style" on the couch while watching television, i.e., "he would touch my breast and my crotch areas." Id. at 371. Ironically, this "rubbing" happened fifteen to twenty times on the same couch. Id. at 372. Of course, AB's mother knew of AB's perpetual liar status, and when AB told her, her mother didn't notify the police or the Sorenson family. Id. at 375. Britney spoke with Alexis, and that is how she was interviewed by the detective. Id. at 378-78.

Upon cross-examination, Alexis, "AB," testified that during the time she lived with the Sorenson family, her mother and two sisters temporarily stayed with them. Id. at 384-85. Ashley was also living with the Sorenson family at the time. Id.

AB testified that this alleged touching did not occur

while she lived with the Sorenson family. Id. at 386.

It supposedly happened when she came back from the State of Texas:

Alexus's mother would drop her off at the Sorenson's - for Sabrina to babysit while Alexis's mother worked.

Alexus testified that she was attending school, and once she left school to return to the Sorenson home, Sabrina would be at the residence when Mr. Sorenson was there.

Alexus also spent time with the other girls after school so any touching that occurred had to have happened prior to 6:30 p.m. before Alexis's mother arrived from work.

Id. at 387.

Interestingly, Alexis's mother did not have to knock on the door before entering. Id. at 388.

Alexus also testified that Mr. Sorenson never told her not to tell, never followed her around the house, and never came into her bedroom when she was there. Id. at 389.

Further, during Alexis's counseling sessions, she never once mentioned the appellant during a six-month period.

Id. at 390. Finally, Alexis testified that Detective Oman's police report had some "mixed confusions." Id.

at 391. For instance, Alexis pointed out that the report states that the touching occurred "inside" the clothing.

Id. Alexis never mentioned any bad touching until Britney visited with her at Alexis's home. Id. at 393-94.

8. Denial Of Continuance

Mr. Sorenson requested several discoverable materials

from defense counsel, Mr. Foyster, who refused to retrieve these documents, i.e., appellant's employment records, text-messages, FaceBook Pages, documents pertaining to the pending civil case filed against Ashley Howard, and to interview approximately 72-witnesses. In this regard, Mr. Sorenson moved for substitution of counsel, which was granted.

Newly appointed counsel began to retrieve these discoverable materials, and on January 23, 2012, counsel stated to the trial court "I'm not prepared," and that the State needed more time to retrieve discovery that was more favorable to the accused. 2RP(January 23, 2012), at 60. Counsel needed more time to transcribe the interviews, interview Alexis's psychiatrist, inter alia, and consequently, the trial court denied counsel's motion for continuance. Id. As a consequence, defense counsel did not have ample time to secure witnesses for the defense. The motion for severance was denied as well. 1RP(January 5, 2012), at 1; 8.

9. Absence of a Limiting Instruction

On January 23, 2012, the parties filed motions in limine, and over defense counsel's objection, the trial court granted the State's motion to exclude the FaceBook Pages of Brooke. EXHIBIT - A. Counsel also moved for a limiting instruction, consistent with the previous trial court's ruling on the motion for severance. EXHIBIT - B. In this regard, this instruction was to advise the

~~the jury that the testimony of the other alleged victims~~
could only be used to show "common scheme or plan." The State agreed to an instruction, and the trial court, in the Honorable Collier's absence, ruled that a limiting instruction was warranted, but that defense counsel's curative instruction was an "improper statement of the law."

In this regard, the trial court refused to suggest an alternative instruction, and failed to suggest any specific points of improvement. 4RP(January 25, 2012), at 535; 539. As a consequence, in denying the motion for continuance, appellant was forced to go to trial with ill-prepared counsel. Moreover, the trial court was required to give a limiting instruction once requested which worked to prejudice the appellant.

10. Testimony of the Appellant

Mr. Sorenson testified that he was married to Sabrina for twenty years, and during the course of their marriage, he spent the majority of time as a truck driver for Safeway and Fred Meyer stores. He slept through the day and worked at night. 4RP(January 25, 2012), at 477-78. Contrary to Ashley's testimony, the appellant never had an injury requiring a cast on his foot or knee.

Prior to Sabrina informing him not to come home, the appellant's daughters continued to sleep with their parents in their bedroom. 4RP 485. Sabrina was a regular sleeper, who did not possess a hearing aid, and did not

have an alcohol or drug problem. Id.

As a father figure, Mr. Sorenson testified that he had taken naps with his girls, with the exception of Alexis. 4RP 487.

The appellant received a "gift-in-a-box," i.e., cologne from Ashley, after she had moved out of the house, thanking him for everything he had done for her.

Mr. Sorenson had made a trip to Sunnydale California with his daughter Britney, for her showcase tournament. 4RP 490-93.

Finally toward the end of their marriage, the appellant stayed with his wife for the sake of their children. 4RP 494-95. Prior to the separation, the appellant testified under oath that his wife Sabrina would not allow him to attend the meeting, and informed him for the first time that she was molested as a child. 4RP 516-22.

At trial, none of the appellant's daughters could provide specific details about how old they were when the alleged offenses occurred. The jury acquitted Mr. Sorenson of the charges as it related to Bridget, and Ashley. CP 84-105 [counts 5 and 6]. The jury returned a guilty verdict on the remaining counts with special verdicts on each count, finding that the appellant abused a position of trust. Id.

The sentencing court imposed an exceptional minimum term of 240-months and a maximum term of life on counts 1, 2, 10 and 11. CP 126. He received standard range sentences on the remaining counts. CP 126.

D. ARGUMENT

THE APPELLANT'S CONVICTION WAS A DIRECT
RESULT OF INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE, IN
VIOLATION OF THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE,
AS GUARANTEED BY THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT
TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

a. The State was required to prove beyond a
reasonable doubt that Mr. Sorenson committed the crimes
charged. The due process clause of the federal and
state constitutions, require the State to prove every
element of the crimes charged beyond a reasonable doubt.
Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466, 476-77, 120 S.Ct.
2348, 147 L.Ed.2d 435 (2000); U.S. Const. amends. VI,
XIV;² Const. art. I, §§ 3, 22.³ The critical inquiry
on appellate review is whether, after viewing the evidence
in the light most favorable to the prosecution, any
rational trier of fact could have found the essential
elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. Jackson
v. Virginia, 443 U.S. 307, 334, 99 S.Ct. 2781, 61 L.Ed.
2d 560 (1979); State v. Green, 94 Wn.2d 216, 220-22,
616 P.2d 628 (1980).

The appellant court draws all reasonable inferences
in favor of the State. State v. Jay, 121 Wn.2d 333,
339, 851 P.2d 654 (1993).

² The Fourteenth Amendment states in pertinent part,
"nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty,
or property, without due process of law."

³ Article I, §3 of the Washington Constitution, states
"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property
without due process of law."

Article I, §22 states in pertinent part, that "In all
criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have the right
to appear and defend in person...."

To convict Mr. Sorenson of child molestation in the first degree, the statute provides:

(1) A person is guilty of child molestation in the first degree when the person has, or knowingly causes another person under the age of eighteen to have, sexual contact with another who is less than twelve years old, and is not married to the perpetrator and the perpetrator is at least thirty-six months older than the victim."

RCW 9A.44.083(1). "Sexual contact" is defined as "any touching of the sexual or other intimate parts of a person done for the purpose of gratifying sexual desire of either party or a third party." RCW 9A.44.010-(2).

b. There was insufficient evidence of "sexual gratification" under the sexual contact definition. Sorenson argues that there was insufficient evidence that he touched his girls for the purpose of gratifying sexual desires when he was asleep during the alleged incidents. He relies on State v. Powell, 62 Wn.App. 914, 816 P.2d 86 (1991), in support of his argument.

Powell was convicted of child molestation based on two incidents. The first incident occurred while Windy was seated in Powell's lap. He hugged her around her chest, and when he helped her off his lap, he placed his hand on her "front" and bottom of her underpants, and under her shirt. 62 Wn.App. at 916. The other occasion occurred while Windy was alone with Powell in

~~his truck. He touched both her thighs outside of her~~
clothing. Id.

Powell appealed his conviction, alleging that the evidence was insufficient to support his conviction. The appellate court reversed, finding both touchings equivocal. 62 Wn.App. at 917-18. The appellate court further noted that Windy did not remember how Powell touched her, and both incidents were susceptible to an innocent explanation. The circumstances in Powell's case was that the touching was outside the clothing and she was clothed on each occasion; no threats, bribes, or requests not to tell were made. Id.

Here, like Powell, the appellant, in his caregiving-function, was asleep in his bedroom with his wife, when the alleged described events occurred. His children were clothed, and no threats, bribes, or requests not to tell were made. Thus, the evidence does not show sexual contact, i.e., gratification, rather it demonstrates merely 'fleeting' and innocent contact:

- (1) the appellant was the primary caregiver during the alleged incidents;
- (2) the appellant was sleep with his wife when any of his girls slept with them;
- (3) there was overwhelming evidence that the appellant was asleep during the alleged described incidents,[the Transcribed Interviews].

"Sexual gratification" is not an essential element of the charge, but rather defines the term "sexual-

contact.'" State v. Lorenz, 152 Wn.2d 22, 34-35, 93 P.3d 133 (2004).

Where the touching is through clothing, or of intimate parts other than the primary erogenous areas, appellate courts require other evidence of sexual gratification when the defendant had served as a caregiver, and to ensure that the touching was not accidental or open to innocent explanation. State v. Whisenhunt, 96 Wn.App. 18, 24, 980 P.2d 232 (1999); Powell, 62 Wn.App. at 917 supra.

Here, the appellant submits that the prosecution was required to produce additional evidence due to his caregiving function, beyond the facts that established that the girls crawled into their parents' bed to sleep with them. Without this showing, the "touching" if any, was inadvertent. State v. T.E.H., 91 Wn.App. 908, 916, 960 P.2d 441 (1998).

c. Mr. Sorenson's convictions should be reversed and dismissed with prejudice. There was no evidence of sexual gratification. Powell, 62 Wn.App. at 917, (rev. denied, 118 Wn.2d 1013, 824 P.2d 491 (1992)).

The appellant was asleep with his wife on their bed, in their bedroom when the alleged touching occurred. When considering all of the evidence together, the State failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, the appellant had sexual contact with the alleged victims. The touching [if any] was susceptible to innocent explanation.

~~None of the children in the household [at the time] saw~~
any inappropriate contact. When the State fails to
prove sexual contact beyond a reasonable doubt, an
appellate court must reverse the convictions and dismiss
with prejudice. Powell, Id.

2. THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN
DENYING DEFENSE COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR
CONTINUANCE, IN DEPRIVATION OF A RIGHT TO
A FAIR TRIAL, GUARANTEED BY THE SIXTH AND
FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED -
STATES CONSTITUTION.

a. The constitutional right to due process
and to counsel, include the right to adequately prepared
attorney. This right to counsel includes "the right
to make a full investigation of the facts and law
applicable to the case. State v. Hartwig, 36 Wn.2d 598,
601, 219 P.2d 564 (1950); State v. Burri, 87 Wn.2d 175,
180, 550 P.2d 507 (1976). A grant or denial of a motion
for continuance may not be disturbed absent a showing
of a manifest abuse of discretion. State v. Campbell,
103 Wn.2d 1, 14, 691 P.2d 929 (1984).

The appellant on direct review must show that this
denial of defense counsel's motion for continuance,
amounted to a "manifest abuse of discretion." State
v. Woods, 143 Wn.2d 561, 579, 23 P.3d 1046, cert. denied,
534 U.S. 964 (2001). Specifically, Mr. Sorenson must
show that he was prejudiced or that "the result of the
trial would likely have been different had the motion

been granted." State v. Staten, 60 Wn.App. 163, 173, 802 P.2d 1384, rev. denied, 117 Wn.2d 1011 (1991) (quoting, State v. Kelly, 32 Wn.App. 112, 114, 645 P.2d 1146, rev. denied, 97 Wn.2d 1037 (1982)). This discretion is abused when it is exercised on untenable grounds or for untenable reasons. State v. Hughes, 154 Wn.2d 118, 154, 110 P.3d 192 (2005).

Under CrR 3.3 (h)(2), a trial court may continue the case when required "in the administration of justice."

Here, defense counsel moved the trial court for continuance, to allow the State time for its discovery, and to interview potential defense witnesses, gather other impeaching evidence favorable to the defense. 2RP[January 23, 2012], at 60-70. The State objected to this continuance without commenting on its late discovery issue. The trial court heard the parties arguments, and it became apparent that defense counsel was completely unprepared for trial. *Id.* Consequently, the trial court denied counsel's motion.

Generally, a defendant is not required to explain on the record why it is impossible to defend the case within the time remaining on the speedy trial calendar. State v. Earl, 97 Wn.App. 408, 412, 984 P.2d 427 (1999).

Here, Sorenson's counsel made an attempt to explain the discovery issues. *Id.* Had defense counsel received

~~a continuance, the appellant submits that he would have~~
been able to prove his innocence to the offenses charged:

- (1) The text-messages between the appellant and his wife Sabrina, and the interactions between the appellant and the alleged victims;

The text-messages would have revealed that Sabrina threatened appellant to "work things out" in their relationship, or he would "be sorry" if he did not comply with Sabrina's demands. The text-messages between the appellant and his children after he moved out of the home shows that the alleged victims missed him, and loved him.

- (2) The Transcribed Interviews of the alleged victims, and Sabrina;

These transcribed interviews of Brooke, Britney, Bridget, Alexis, and Ashley, [EXHIBIT-D], shows that the appellant was asleep during the described incidents in question. Further, Brooke stated that she did not remember the day or year the first time her dad allegedly "bad touched" her; Bridget had first informed her mother that nothing happened; Britney had made inconsistent statements that may have been used to impeach her during trial.

b. The impeachment evidence would have changed the result of the trial. With the continuance, counsel would have secured the transcribed interviews herein, inter alia, which would have successfully casted

doubt on the alleged victim's credibility during cross-examination. The right to counsel was clearly established, which includes a reasonable time for consultation and preparation of the defense. State v. Hartzog, 96 Wn.2d 383, 402, 635 P.2d 694 (1981).

It is undisputed that the appellant was forced to go to trial with ill-prepared counsel -- no defense witnesses were called to testify on his behalf out of 72-potential witnesses, inter alia, it was simply unreasonable for the trial court to assume that defense counsel was prepared to go to trial. State v. Guloy, 104 Wn.2d 412, 428, 705 P.2d 1182 (1985), cert. denied, 475 U.S. 1020 (1986).

c. Mr. Sorenson was prejudiced by counsel's unpreparedness, which warrants reversal and remand. The evidence was merely circumstantial and the alleged victims interviewed statements clearly show that the appellant was asleep during the alleged incidents in question.

Hence, the transcripts of these interviews, had they been available for the defense, it would have materially decreased the credibility of the alleged victim's testimony as to the events that occurred during the crucial juncture. Counsel simply did not have equal opportunity to discover the impeachment evidence. Accordingly, this court should reverse, and remand for new trial.

3. THE TRIAL COURT MANIFESTLY ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN FAILING TO GIVE A LIMITING INSTRUCTION, WHICH DEPRIVED THE APPELLANT OF A RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL GUARANTEED BY THE SIXTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS

On December 22, 2011, defense counsel moved the trial court for severance involving different alleged victims. These incidents were alleged to have occurred in the appellant's residence from March 2002 until March of 2009. The niece's allegations didn't appear until an interview in July of 2011. A hearing was held on January 5, 2012, and the trial court denied the severance motion, noting that RCW 10.58.090 had been ruled unconstitutional. However, the court ruled that based on ER 404(b), the offenses may remain joined because rule would allow joinder for the purposes of showing common scheme or plan.

Defense counsel moved the trial court for a limiting instruction, on this ER 404(b) evidence, consistent with the previous Judge's memorandum of opinion denying the motion for severance. The limiting instruction reads as follows:

"Certain evidence has been admitted in this case for only a limited purpose. This evidence consists of the evidence produced in the other alleged victims counts when deciding the guilt or innocence of a victim on each count. Evidence in the other alleged victims counts can only be used for the limited purpose of showing common scheme or plan by Defendant. You may not consider evidence in other victim's counts for any other purpose. Any discussion of the evidence during your deliberation must be consistent with this limitation."

~~11 WASHINGTON PATTERN JURY INSTRUCTION: CRIMINAL 5.30,~~
at 132 (1994) (WPIC). ²

The point of the instruction was to advise the jury that evidence from the other victims case [the other four victims] could only be used to show "common scheme or plan in finding guilt or innocence on any count involving a victim. 4RP[January 25, 2012] at 535;539.

The prosecution agreed on a instruction, and the trial court ruled that it was warranted, but that the proposed instruction was not "proper statement of the law." Id. The trial court would not suggest any specific points of improvement, or any alternative limiting instruction.

a. The trial court is required to give a limiting instruction once it is requested. The cited WPIC 5.30 was approved by the Supreme Court in State v. Brown, 111 Wn.2d 124, 761 P.2d 588 (1988), rehearing at, 113 Wn.2d 520, 782 P.2d 1013 (1989), 787 P.2d 906 (1990). The appellant assigns error to the trial court's denial of a limiting instruction, arguing that it was reversal error for the trial court failure to give a curative instruction to the jury.

Generally, a trial court is not required to provide an ER 404(b) limiting instruction unless one of the

² Defense counsel cited State v. Russell, 154 Wn.2d 118 (2010).

~~parties requests an instruction. See State v. Russell,~~
171 Wn.2d 118, 124, 249 P.3d 604 (2011); State v.
Gresham, 173 Wn.2d 405, 423-24, 269 P.3d 207 (2012).

Here, the facts show that defense counsel requested a limiting instruction on the ER 404(b) evidence, consistent with Judge Collier's memorandum of opinion, denying severance. In this regard, counsel's instruction clearly state, inter alia, that "evidence in the other alleged victims counts can only be used for the limited purpose of showing common scheme or plan..." EXHIBIT-B, WPIC 5.30.

b. Failing to give the limiting instruction was prejudicial. The Supreme Court has held that if the evidence is admitted under ER 404(b), a limiting instruction must be given. State v. Foxhoven, 161 Wn.2d 168, 175, 163 P.3d 786 (2007) (citing, State v. Lough, 125 Wn.2d 847, 864, 889 P.2d 487 (1995)). The trial court gave no instruction here.

For instance, in Gresham, supra, the Court held that the evidence of Gresham's co-appellant's prior molestation of four alleged victim's, was admissible for the purpose of showing a "common scheme or plan," and that the trial court erred in failing to give a limiting instruction related to that evidence. Gresham, 173 Wn.2d at 423-25.

~~Here, the appellant argues that the admission of the~~
evidence was unduly prejudicial. Hence, the Foxhoven
requirements, which bear directly on prejudice are
properly before this court. The Supreme Court has
held that the burden of providing an instruction is placed
on the trial court. See e.g., Foxhoven, 161 Wn.2d at
175; Lough, 125 Wn.2d at 864 (noting that because the
trial court repeatedly gave curative instruction to the
jury at the conclusion of trial, and before each witness
in question testified, the record failed to support the
contention that the jury used the ER 404(b) evidence
for an improper purpose); State v. Brown, 113 Wn.2d
520, 529, 782 P.2d 1013, 787 P.2d 906 (1989) (the trial
court should explain the purpose of the evidence and
give a cautionary instruction to "consider it for no
other purpose").

It is therefore undisputed that a limiting instruction
has a substantial impact in the admission of ER 404(b)
evidence. Hence, the absence of the cautionary
instruction affected the outcome of the trial.
Accordingly, under the facts of this case, the court
should hold that the trial court abused its discretion
in failing to give a limiting instruction regarding the
ER 404(b) evidence.

c. The failure to give the limiting instruction
was not harmless. In reaching the question of whether

~~"with reasonable probabilities, had the error not occurred~~

the outcome of the trial would have been materially affected," Gresham, 173 Wn.2d at 425, here, absent a limiting instruction, the jury could have considered the alleged victims' testimony for any purpose.

Evidentiary errors under ER 404 are judged for harmless error test. State v. Young, 48 Wn.App. 406, 410, 739 P.2d 1170 (1987). A. "harmless error is an error which is trivial, or formal, or merely prejudicial, and was not prejudicial to the substantial rights of the party assigning it, and in no way affected the final outcome of the case." In re Det. of Pouncy, 168 Wn.2d 382, 391, 229 P.3d 678 (2010).

In its essentials, if a reasonable probability exists that in absence of the error, the verdict might be more favorable to the accused, it cannot be harmless.

Here, the appellant argues that the prosecution's case was weak -- it was based solely on the credibility of the alleged victims. There were no physical signs to corroborate their testimony about any of the alleged bad touching. The defense was unable to present one of its strongest facts: Alexis had prior sexual abuse with other individuals; the transcribed interviews clearly demonstrate that the appellant was asleep during the alleged touching. Accordingly, this court cannot

~~say, "within reasonable probability," that had the error~~
not occurred, the outcome of the trial would have been
materially different. Thus, this court should hold that
the admission of the other alleged victim's testimony,
without a limiting instruction, was not harmless error.

Accordingly, this court should reverse Sorenson's
conviction and remand for new trial.

E. CONCLUSION

The appellant, Mr. Ronald Lee Sorenson,
respectfully request that this court reverse, and remand
to dismiss with prejudice. In the alternative, he
respectfully request that this court reverse and remand
for new trial.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

By: 

/s/ Ronald Lee Sorenson
Appellant, pro-se
Stafford Creek Corr. Ctr.,
191 Constantine Way,
Aberdeen, WA., 98520

1-24-2013

EXHIBIT A

Search

Home Profile Account



Brooke Sorenson just got done bowling :) now off to bed i have been up since 5:30 in the morning!!!!!! 4 hours ago

Wall Info Photos

About Me

Basic Info

Sex: Female
Birthday: August 23

Siblings:

Britney Sorenson
Bridget Sorenson
Desirae Cook

Parents:

Sabrina Johnson-Sorenson
Ron Sorenson
Liz Cook

Relationship Status:

Single

Interested In:

Looking For:

Men
Friendship

Information

Relationship Status:
Single

Birth day:
August 23

Current City:
Vancouver, WA

Mutual Friends

9 friends in common

See All

Work and Education

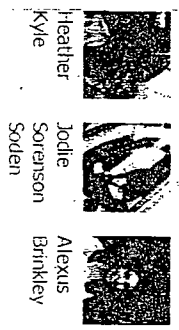
High School
Heritage High School '11

Likes and Interests

Activities

Softball, Snowboarding, Asb, Friendship, Family

Friends



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His opponent: 0

Justice Johnson is endorsed by the Seattle Times, the Spokesman Review, Everett Herald, Tacoma News Tribune and seven other newspapers.

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Chat (2)

brooke sorenson

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In a relationship with



Donald Shaffer
Hudsons Bay High School

Friends (292)



Kelsey Phillips



Veronica Ellis
Hentage High School



Roland 'Sarge'
Castro



Josh Howard
Heritage High School



Kodee Kvernvik



Kaitlyn Marie
McCreary



Kristin Phillips



Trina Arnott



Alyssa Rayy
Brinkley



Alexis Brinkley

Family



Liz Cook
Mother



Sabrina Johnson-
sorenson
Mother



Noel Boothby
Sister

Ashley Howard
Sister

Brooke Sorenson

Studied at Clark College Lives in Vancouver, Washington In a relationship with Donald Shaffer From Vancouver, Washington

Work and Education

College

Clark College

Philosophy

Favorite
Quotations

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."
~Maria Robinson quotes

Arts and Entertainment

Music

All Kinds
Mainly Country

Books

I'm Not a Big
Reader But My
Favorite Book

Activities and Interests

Activities



Softball



Snowboarding

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Basic Information

About Brooke

"I'm happier than a tornado in a trailer park." ~Mater, Cars.

Interested In

Men

Relationship Status

In a relationship with Donald Shaffer

Anniversary

May 18, 2011

Sex

Female

Sponsored

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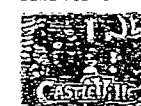
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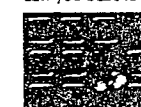
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EXHIBIT B



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
P.O. BOX 9809, VANCOUVER, WA 98666-8809

Sabrina Sorenson,

08/05/2010

We (Child Protective Services) received allegations of sexual abuse on 07/23/2010 stating your husband Mr. Ronald Sorenson (DOB: 06/28/1971) has sexually molested one of your teenage daughters. The department asks that you please keep the girls from having any contact with their father at this time pending further investigation by CPS and/or Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Monte Constable, MSW

CPS Investigator

360-993-7923

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EXHIBIT C

1 The petitioner should be awarded the parties' interest in the following property:

2 All interest in the family home at 7817 NE 107th Avenue, Vancouver,
3 Wa., provided the pending foreclosure can be avoided.

4 All household goods and furnishings currently in the Petitioner's
5 possession;

6 2002 Sebring;

7 All bank and financial accounts currently in the Petitioner's name.

8 Petitioner's personal belongings and effects and those of the children;

9 All right, title and interest in the Respondent's retirement benefits which
10 have accrued to him during his lifetime, both prior to marriage, and
thereafter, including without limitation his Teamsters Employers Trust
Pension Benefit/Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan.

11 The respondent should be awarded the parties' interest in the following property:

12 All household goods and furnishings currently in the Respondent's *NONE*
13 possession;

14 2004 VW Jetta;

15 All bank and financial accounts currently in the Respondent's name; *NONE*

16 Respondent's Personal belongings.

17 **1.9 Debts and Liabilities**

18 The parties have debts and liabilities. The court should make a fair and equitable
19 division of all debts and liabilities.

20 The petitioner's recommendation for the division of debts and liabilities is set
21 forth below.

22 The petitioner should be ordered to pay the following debts and liabilities
to the following creditors:

23 All debt associated with the 2002 Sebring;

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25 WPF DR 01.0100 Mandatory (6/2008) - RCW 26.09.020

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Barclay's Bank

Capital One Bank Account ending in 2526;

HSBC account ending in 0228.

The respondent should be ordered to pay the following debts and liabilities to the following creditors:

All debt associated with the 2004 VW Jetta;

HSBC (Best Buy);

Target;

Capital One;

Electric Company.

Each party should pay their debts incurred since separation.

The parties shall be jointly liable on the encumbrance on the family home if it is lost in foreclosure. If it can be saved, and it is awarded to the wife, she shall service the debt.

1.10 Maintenance

There is a need for maintenance as follows:

This is a long-term marriage and the Respondent has historically earned much greater income than has the Petitioner. Petitioner requests that she be awarded \$1,000 per month maintenance for a period of five (5) years.

1.11 Continuing Restraining Order

A continuing Restraining Order should be entered which restrains or enjoins the Respondent from disturbing the peace of the other party.

A continuing Restraining Order should be entered which restrains the Respondent from going onto the ground of or entering the home, work place, or school of the other party or the daycare or school of the following children:

Bridget Sorenson;
Blake Sorenson.

Exhibit C

EXHIBIT D

James J. Sowder
Attorney at Law

January 10, 2012

Safeway Store
Human Resources
16300 SE Evelyn Street
Clackamas, OR 97015

Re: Employee Records of Ronald Lee Sorenson

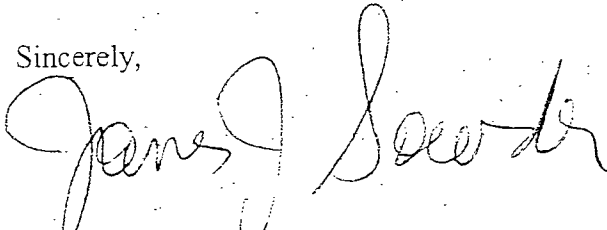
Dear Sir/Madam:

I am the attorney representing Ronald Lee Sorenson in a criminal matter in Vancouver, Washington. As part of his defense I need to know his hours of employment with Safeway. He was employed as a truck driver. The enclosed subpoena requests his information. It can be sent to me by email or CD, if you wish.

I have enclosed a declaration as to the authenticity of the records requested. If the information and declaration is completed then testimony will not be required from your office, absent objection by the state and proof of need for testimony. If you have a standard form you use for authenticating records feel free to use your form.

If you have any questions feel free to call my office or send me an email.

Sincerely,



JAMES J. SOWDER
Attorney at Law

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Enclosures

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James J. Sowder
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January 10, 2012

Employee Relations
Fred Meyer Stores
PO Box 42121
Portland, OR 97242-0121

Re: Employee Records of Ronald Lee Sorenson

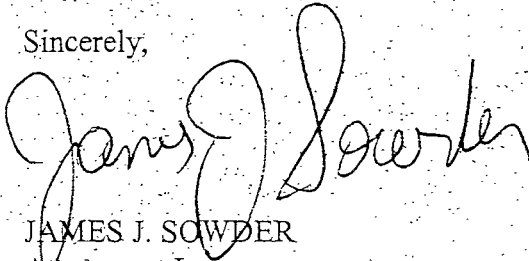
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If you have any questions feel free to call my office or send me an email.

Sincerely,



JAMES J. SOWDER
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Q. And your dad?

A. My dad, or her dad?

Q. Okay. Back up. Sister's dad's brother?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Your sister is Jessica, and your sister's dad. So, who is her dad?

A. Dustin King.

Q. And then who is his brother?

A. Jason King.

Q. So, Jason King did the same sort of thing with you on a couch?

A. It wasn't on the couch. My mom and Jesse's dad worked. So, they were gone. He was ---
babysitting us because he didn't have a job.

Q. Okay.

A. So, he would watch us. And I went in the room one day to ask him to make us breakfast
and he was -- he just -- he touched me inappropriately.

Q. Okay. So, you were four?

A. Yeah.

Q. And you never told anyone about that?

A. I told people about that.

Q. When?

A. I want to say sixth grade, but I'm not sure.

Q. Okay. Was there any prosecution from that, or do you know?

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ALEXUS BRINKLEY

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A. No.

Q. And you told that to -- Who did you tell? Child Protective Services, or --

A. I told my mom and she called CPS and then I was put into counseling.

Q. So, you went to CPS through that?

A. She went to CPS, yes.

Q. And you went for some counseling?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall where the counseling was?

A. It was on Mill Plain, but I can't remember the place.

Q. And this was when you were four years old?

A. No. I didn't go to counseling when I was four. I went to counseling when I was twelve.

Q. Okay. So, when did you report the four year old incident?

A. When I was twelve.

Q. Okay. So, and did something happen when you were twelve?

A. Yeah.

Q. What happened when you were twelve?

A. My sister -- my older sister, Star --

Q. Star.

A. -- molested me.

Q. And how? Touching, or --

A. Yes.

**TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF
ALEXUS BRINKLEY**

Q. Same sort of touching?

A. Yes, but it was under the clothes.

Q. Okay. And what happened to her?

A. She -- I don't talk to her any more. I don't see her. Ever.

Q. Okay. And that's when you went to counseling at CPS?

A. Yes.

Q. And you never said anything about Ron in all these contacts?

A. Yes.

Q. Never?

A. Never.

Q. Okay. And is there a reason why?

A. Because when I first said something about Jason and Star nobody believed me so I didn't feel like bringing anything else up.

Q. But they ultimately believed you because you went through counseling, didn't you?

A. Yes.

Q. And counselors usually tell you they believe you?

A. Yes.

Q. That's what they always tell you. That's how they work. So, they believed you, didn't they?

A. Yes.

Q. And then but you never told them about Ron back then?

**TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF
ALEXUS BRINKLEY**

CROSS ASHLEY HOWARD

DOB

WHEN STARTED LIVING WITH RON AND SABRINA

WHY -TRANSCRIPT P3

PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES WITH THE FAMILY

SPORTS

DO IT, GO TO CAME

ONE HOUSE OR MORE WHEN LIVING WITH THEM

OWN BEDROOM

ONE OR MORE BATHROOMS

WHICH HOUSE

WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU GO TO

DID RON AND SABRINA'S DAUGHTERS SLEEP WITH THEM WHEN YOU
WERE THERE

WHICH ONES

HOW CHOOSE

RON'S WORK SCHEDULE

WHEN DID HE GET HOME

LEAVE HOME

WHAT DID HE DO

SABRINA'S WORK SCHEDULE

WHAT DO,

LEAVE HOME, RETURN HOME

ASHLEY 1

RECALL ALEXUS AND HER SISTERS COMING TO LIVE THERE

SEPARATE ROOMS

INTERVIEW WITH DECT. OMAN
JULY 2010

RON TOUCHED PUT HIS HANDS DOWN YOUR PANTS WHEN YOU WERE 12
OR 13

ON THE COUCH LAYING SPOON STYLE WITH YOU

NEVER TOLD YOU NOT TO TELL

NEVER HEARD HIS DAUGHTER OR ALEX COMPLAIN OF SIMILAR
TOUCHING

YOU NEVER SAW IT

STAYED THERE 5 YEARS

NEVER COMPLAINED TO ANYONE

TAPED INTERVIEW WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY, INVESTIGATOR, ANNA
KLEIN AND GAIL MCCLELLAN

WHEN—JUNE 2011

COUCH INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN SABRINA WAS WITH THE OTHER
GIRLS AT SOFT BALL

WHAT TIME OF DAY

DON'T RECALL IF HE TOUCHED YOU IN THE VAGINAL AREA P6

DURING THE INTERVIEW YOU AGREED WITH THE INVESTIGATOR THAT
THE DISCLOSURE BY YOU AND THE OTHER GIRLS AT SABRINA'S I AM
GOING TO GET A DIVORCE WAS NOT SPONTANEOUS

YOU AGREED WITH THE INVESTIGATOR THAT SABRINA WAS SORT OF
PROMPTING P13

YOU ARE SUEING RON FOR MONEY DAMAGES FOR THIS CLAIMED
TOUCHIING

SO YOU HOPE TO MAKE SOME MONEY IF HE IS CONVICTED

ASHLEY 3

State v. Ronald Sorenson
Interview of Ashley Howard
June 1, 2011

ST: Steven Teply. Investigator

MF: Michael Foister, Attorney for Defendant

AK: Anna Klein, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

GM: Gail McClellan, Victim's Advocate, YWCA

AH: Ashley Howard, Witness

ST: The recorder is on. My name is still Steven Teply. I am still at the Clark County Juvenile Justice System. This is a continuation of the interviews regarding State vs. Sorenson on June 1, 2011. Present, other than myself, is Mike Foister, defense attorney; Anna Klein, prosecuting attorney; Gail McClellan, victim's advocate with the YWCA; and --

AH Ashley Howard.

ST: May I call you Ashley?

AH: Yes.

ST: Call me Steve. Ashley, you know I am recording this, and I have your permission?

AH: Yes.

ST: Okay. You are 23?

AH: Yes.

ST: Cool. My understanding is that actually you are a cousin --

AH: Yes. Um-hum.

ST: -- to the girls, but that you were adopted? Were you adopted? *Not adopted*

AH: They got legal custody of me, yeah.

ST: And essentially they are like sisters?

AH: Oh, yeah.

ST: That's a fair thing -- So, tell me a little bit about yourself. You live around here?

AH: I do. We live up by Fort Vancouver with -- I stay with my husband's parents and a three year old.

ST: Where is your husband?

AH: He is at home with her.

ST: Cool. So, you get along with his parents?

AH: Oh, yeah. That's shocking, but most people think --

ST: Yeah. Okay. No motivation to leave, huh?

AH: Yeah. No.

ST: Okay. Built in babysitters?

AH: Yeah, they are. Yeah.

ST: Alright. Do you work?

AH: No. I left Walgreens when all this stuff started happening. I left Walgreens.

ST: I'm sorry.

AH: And my husband is going to school and working right now.

ST: Okay. Well, I wish you well.

AH: Yeah, thank you.

ST: Three year old?

AH: Yeah.

ST: How is that working out?

AH: Well, she's energetic.

ST: They have a lot of energy at three.

AH: Yes.

ST: They do. What's her name?

AH: Mikayla.

ST: Mikayla's a neat name.

AH: Thanks.

ST: Well, I wish you well with that. Motherhood is a mixed blessing.

AH: Yeah.

ST: Before this situation -- how old were you when you moved?

AH: I left living with my parents when I was 12 -- right around 12, cause they were both in jail.

ST: Well, that's at the end. That's a good time to leave.

AH: Yeah.

ST: When did you move out on your own away from the Sorenson's?

AH: Ron and Sabrina?

ST: Yes.

AH: When I was 18.

ST: Okay. So, as soon as you were legal, you were gone?

AH: Yes.

ST: Okay. Prior to when you left, if someone were to ask you about your family

that didn't know anything about it, how would you describe it?

AH: About my family as far as my parents, or as far Ron and Sabrina?

ST: No. Basically, as far as -- We're just going to limit it to the Sorensens -- Sabrina and Ron. What happened prior to that?

AH: It was -- I mean I pretty much stayed at home. The girls all had softball and stuff. I pretty much stayed home and kind of did my own thing. I didn't want to go hang out with people and do stuff. I just stayed at home and I watched tv, and usually kept Blake with me and made dinner and stuff, and they all came home from softball practices late. They all had busy schedules. It was pretty much me.

ST: So, is that because you didn't play well with others, or you just were --

AH: No, that's cause kind of after everything happened with Ron I just kind of shut everybody out, and I just didn't -- didn't have choice to back to my parent's house. Obviously, it wasn't it good situation. Didn't really want to be involving myself around them. Like I just felt like -- I guess excluded from them. Like I wanted to be there because I didn't want to be in the situation my parents were in, but I didn't want to go into foster care and that was my only other choice was legal. So, I couldn't just leave.

ST: So, you just tried to stay on --

AH: Yeah.

ST: When's the first time you had a problem with Ron?

AH: Just the only incident. I was 13. I got along with them fine before.

ST: What happened when you were 13?

AH: Sabrina was with softball with the girls. Me and Ron were the only ones home.

me and Blake

I remember it was when he had – something was wrong with his foot. It was in a cast. It was broken or sprained or something. I don't remember what he did, and he was laying on the couch and asked me to come lay with him, and I did. Like it was no big deal. Like he always laid with Brittney and Brooke. We were just laying there watching tv, and he like started touching me and stuff along my waist and stuff because my back was to his stomach, facing towards the tv, and he started like touching my side and stuff, and I kind of just laid there in shock kind of. And he put his hand down my pants. I was like trying to stop myself from crying. Like I didn't – I don't know why I reacted the way I did. I just kind of panicked a little I guess. And he kept on doing it and he was like rubbing his hand along my stomach and everything and I just kind of laid there and I tried to pretend that I was sleeping I guess. I just tried to shut it out. I kind of panicked I guess.

ST: Actually, I hear that a lot from other people. It's kind of the –

AH: Yeah. I don't know why I just didn't get up and leave. It just wasn't a natural reaction. Like now thinking about it, I thought "why didn't I just leave?", but in the moment I just didn't. I just freaked out.

ST: There is no natural thing.

AH: I guess. And then he started trying to pull my pants down and that's when I like rolled over and I was starting to cry. So, I got up and left and I went into the bathroom, and I was just crying and then I finally came back out. Sabrina still wasn't home so I just went outside and I waited out there playing basketball in the front yard until she pulled up in the driveway. And I has just stopped crying right before she pulled up, and I was going to tell her. I went over it a

million times in my head how I was going to tell her, and I just couldn't. I didn't want to get sent back home to my mom and dad's and causing problems. Like – I don't know – not assuming that she wouldn't believe me, but it's something that I never thought would happen that he would do that, so why would she think that it would happen. I guess. I don't know.

ST: Did anything like that ever happen to you in the past?

AH: I do remember when I was little with my aunt, not Sabrina, but my Aunt Renee on Ron's side, with her first husband. But it is so vague that I don't remember exactly all of – like I remember bits and pieces of him coming into my room and stuff, but that's – and I never told anybody about that, but like – cause I don't – like there's so much that I just don't remember.

ST: Okay. Did Ron say anything to you?

AH: As – Before he put his hand down my pants, when he was still just touching my stomach and stuff, he asked me – he said, "Are you okay with this?" and I was trying to pretend that I was sleeping and I was like – I don't know – I was in shock. I just laid there. And I started crying. I was trying not to cry and I didn't want to talk because I didn't want him to hear me crying. And I just panicked and I just laid there and acted like I was sleeping. So I didn't have to deal with it I guess. I don't know.

ST: You were 13?

AH: Yeah.

ST: When he put his hands down your pants, did he touch you in the vaginal area?

AH: I don't remember if it was in my underwear or not. I honestly don't remember that. I was freaking out. I do remember it was in my pants at least though.

ST: Do you recall what he did with his hand when it was in your pants – if he touched your genital area?

AH: Yeah, his hand was all the way down there.

ST: Okay.

AH: Yeah. For what seemed like forever. So, I don't know how long it actually was. And then –

ST: Okay. When you got up and you started to cry and got up, did he say anything to you?

AH: No, he didn't say anything to me after that. Even when I went – got up and walked outside – like he didn't ask me where I was going. He didn't say anything. He just laid there on the couch.

ST: Did he treat you different or act differently to you after that happened with you – after that happened?

AH: Not that I can remember. Like day to day everything kind of seemed the same. Like he never brought it up to me again, and I never brought it up to him or anybody else. I never would lay on the couch with him again after that. I never would like stay home if he stayed home. I would go as much as I didn't want to. I just kind of shut everybody out after that. I didn't want to go places with the girls. Like I said, I stayed at home with Blake and I would cook dinner. If Ron stayed home or he wasn't working, I would make sure that I left. I didn't feel okay with him alone, but at the same time I didn't want them to send me back home causing issues or whatever.

ST: Sure.

AH: Or end up in foster care. I just wanted to finish my school stuff.

ST: Make it to 18?

AH: Yeah. Leave when I could I guess.

ST: Did you ever see anything that was a problem between Ron and his daughters?

AH: No. Like I said, he always was cuddly with us I guess – with the girls and stuff.

And after it happened with me, there was a couple of times that I thought I spotted – like especially with Britney because he always wanted Britney – to lay with her, and she was the one that would be like – sometimes she would absolutely not want to and she wouldn't, and he would get all mad and be like, "Oh, you don't love me – blah, blah, blah" and she always like kind of resented him. So, I guess there is times that I second thought about it, but I never wanted to bring it up to her. I don't know. I didn't want her to not like me or something and not want me there, or think that I would say bad things about their dad and stuff.

ST: What makes you think that Britney resented Ron?

AH: The way she acted toward him. Like as long as I can remember with Britney there was just – I guess it was days – it seemed to me like it was days that she would not want anything to do with him. Like she would absolutely not want to be around him. She wouldn't hug him. When he – He used to talk to us on the phone he would say, "Okay, I love you, bye." Britney would never say it back. She just – meaner towards him. Like she – You could tell that there was something like he had just pissed her off the day before and she just didn't want anything to do with him, or it was just days. And then some days she would just not fight it and she would be like, "Okay, I'll lay with you" or "I'll go this place with you", or "I'll go on a truck ride with you" or whatever. And it was what

seemed normal, but she was again just putting on a face I guess. I did the same thing.

ST: Tell me about what happened when – Did you know anything about Sabrina's prior problems with being molested when she was a kid before she had the family?

AH: No, just that first night that she told us that they were getting a divorce, and then everything ended up coming out.

ST: Tell me what happened.

AH: From what I remember, she called me. I was still working at Walgreens at that time. She called me on my way to work that day, and she was like "Hey, we need to talk" and I'm like, "What's going on?" and she's like really – she was like, "I just need you to come over and talk." And I'm like, "Well, I'm working today and I don't get off until 10:00 so can we do it tomorrow?" and she's like, "No, it has to be tonight." I'm freaking out all day at work wondering what the heck is going on. I had like a hint – a hunch, I guess, that she was telling us they were getting divorced. They hadn't been getting along. They had been fighting. Even at 13 when I lived with them they had got in fights and they stayed together for the girls. Like that's what we had heard when they were fighting. That's what they decided they were going to do until all the kids were old enough so they didn't have to have divorced parents. And I mean – I guess in people's heads that makes sense, but to some people – they are like it's worse on them. And obviously, it was. And so I figured that's what I was going into going over there. At 10:00 o'clock I got off work. I went over to her house, and she called all of us girls upstairs. Blake stayed downstairs. And she was

*Sabrina's mom
said all day long
never forgot that
she was always
and then I was*

just kind of like beating around the bush about like what she was saying. She told us they were splitting up, and the girls were kind of upset about it. We kind of all knew it was coming so nobody was really in shock. She kept just beating around the bush about it. Like we kept asking her, "Well, what's going on?" Like that's not it that you guys are splitting up. So, what's going on? We were like – I thought that she was going to tell us that she had another kid that she never told us about. I really did not – I'm like do you have another kid or something? She's like, "No" and I'm like, "then what is going on?" and like she told us that she had been molested and that it happened in a field and other times that she couldn't fully remember, and she for sure knew one or two of the guys – she knew who they were and everything and it all just brought it back up. And we're like, "Okay. So, why are you telling us?" It's like "We don't understand" and she's like, "I didn't understand how much it impacted my everyday life and how I am and how I act and how I act towards your dad and how I act towards you guys and would not let you guys go any where. And like we never stayed at our friend's houses and stuff. First off, all the girls – once in a while would do it, but she was – like we – I thought it was them being over-protective parents. I'm like that with my daughter now."

ST: Well, your daughter is three.

AH: Yeah. Well, yeah. But, yeah. They have always been the strict parents of our family so we just figured that's how they were, but she's like "and that all fit into how I am now. So, I don't want that to happen to you guys. I don't want you guys to go through what I went through and everything." And then she's like, "So, if it had happened to you guys, then you need to tell people. If you

don't want to tell me, you need to tell a counselor. You need to get it out. It needs to be out. It needs to be out there." And then she asked us if it happened to us because we've had issues within our family before like I told you. And so she asked us, and Britney said, "Yes" first, and Sabrina was like, "What?" Like thinking that it was me because she kind of knew about the whole thing with Russ and – cause that happened with my real siblings. Like he did the same thing like that. And so she figured it was going to be me just finally telling her, and Brittney said, "Yes", and she's like "What? Are you serious?" and Britney was like, "Yeah. I don't want to talk to you about it right now. I don't want to talk about it right now, but I will tell you." And she was like, "So, when we're done, you're going to come tell me?" and she was like, "Yeah." And so Sabrina kept going on telling us about how it affected her and everything, and kept going back to Brittney, and she was like, "Britney, are you sure you don't want to talk about it?" and she was like, "Let's talk about it for a minute." She was completely in shock that Britney was the one that said something. And then eventually Britney just gave in and she was like, "It was Dad." And Sabrina instantly started crying. I started crying. Bridget started crying. And Sabrina looked at me – or Sabrina looked at Britney, and she was like "Really Britney? Are you sure?" And Britney is like, "I'm sure." She was like crying her eyes out, and Bridget was like "Me too". And I was like "Me too." And it was like just all of us were in there crying, and Brooke was the only one that was quiet. She was just like in shock. She freaked out, and then she called Liz. She was like, "Can I call Liz? I don't know what to do. I don't know how to handle this. I don't know what I'm supposed to do. This is not how I expected this talk was

They all claim to
not have talked to
any one

Another claim
from Ashley
Brooks statement
says Cooper & Becky
went at Sabrina's
& stayed down stairs
while they all went
upstairs to talk.

going to go tonight" So, she called her friend, Liz, that's out in the livingroom, to come over, and she came over and talked to us, and we told her, and we all just kind of - no one has really said exactly what happened to each other. We just said that it did happen. And Britney had said that it was definitely more than once or twice. Like it definitely happened to Brittney a lot. I told them that it was only the once with me and it was a long time ago. And that was pretty much the extent of how much we got into it that night. I went home and told my husband because he was at home with our daughter. I left and told him what had happened. He freaked out because I never told him, but I never told anybody. And Sabrina called us because she was afraid to be home by herself that night, and Ron was telling her that he was coming over to get his stuff and he was coming in that house. And she was like, "Can you guys come back over here so my husband and me and my daughter stayed the night at her house that night and she went outside and left his stuff in a box across the street from the house. We say him pull up to get it. He screeched off all mad and everything and that was pretty much the end of that. I don't think that he came back that night that we knew of.

ST: Have you ever talked to your sisters about any details about what happened to them?

AH: No. I just told them that it was the once. That was as much into it as I've gone and it was along time ago. And I don't live with them. I've kind of distanced myself from them when I distanced myself from Ron and everything. So, when I moved out like I all but lost contact with them, and I didn't want that to happen, but it did and I was out on my own doing my own thing. I got a job and

Another claim
from Ashley
his 4th
he moved out
at 15 the first
time he left
he left his baby to
Ron. Ron was
to keep him
and she was also
there for years
and she was
drinking & talking
now claiming
he's from them
before.

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ASHLEY HOWARD

then I got pregnant, and I've just kind of carried on with my life, and since then I'm trying to get back in touch with them and everything because obviously they went through the same thing, and it happened to at least Britney that I know of more than once that she's told me. And I don't want them to think that I resent them because I don't. It's not their fault. And it's not Sabrina's fault at all. That's just how I reacted I guess.

ST: So, just to be clear, and if my recollection is incorrect, you correct me, okay?

AH: Um-hum.

ST: When you had this meeting, and Sabrina went into – said that she had been molested and she went into a little bit of detail about people –

AH: Um-hum..

ST: And then she said it was important that if anything happened to you all that you disclose that to somebody. So, essentially, it wasn't like a spontaneous where she said, "Well, I was molested as a child" and everybody broke down into tears and said, "Me too"?

AH: No.

ST: She was prompt – She was sort of prompting?

AH: Well, she was asking us if it happened to us because we have had this conversation before, but every time that her and Ron had asked us if anything had happened before, Ron was always there. He always had to be there. And so none of us girls spoke up about it. And so I guess Ron didn't bring it up what happened with me and him after that because there was an incident with our cousin, Alexis, and so they went through the process again of asking all of us girls if anything had ever happened because our cousin, Alexis, would not tell

*Alexis had accused
her dad for a while before
her mom's second
handgun caught
the same thing
before accusing her*

who it was. She said it happened and nobody knew who it was. And when they had brought me back into the bedroom to ask me if anything had happened, or if I knew anything about – if Alexis had told me who it was – I had said, “No.” Obviously, Ron was in there. I said, “No. Nothing had happened to me.” And Sabrina had went outside to smoke and Ron asked me – he was like – “That night on the couch, you didn’t say that you weren’t okay with everything, and then you just left, so did that happen to you before? Did somebody do that before?” And I just said, “No.” And then Sabrina came back in. So, he acknowledged it. He did remember. And that’s the only time that we talked about it. But still even then when Sabrina had come back in, that was the end of it. Like he dropped it, and I wasn’t going to bring it back up. So, -- But it was no different than what she was asking – what she was telling us that night – that if we had ever had something like that happen, we needed to tell. We had been asked those questions by her and Ron before. It was the same procedure. I don’t want to make it sound routine, but it had happened before. Like it wasn’t something that hadn’t been brought up with us. It was just we never knew it happened to Sabrina. So, she was kind of telling us and saying, “Hey, look this is – I never told anybody and this is what happened. So, when we are asking you guys, we are trying to help you. You are not going to be in trouble.” And all of us kept it in when it was her and Ron. So, she did it by herself and finally we said, “Okay. We’ve been hiding it from you.”

ST: Do you remember what school you went to – what school you were going to when you had the incident on the couch with Ron?

AH: I don’t remember. I was only 13 so I think that I was in middle school, but I

could have been going to Heritage at the time. I don't remember. If I was still in middle school, it would have been Cascade.

ST: Where were you living?

AH: Right by Bridge Creek Elementary. I don't know what street that is.

ST: Do you have any questions, Michael?

MF: No.

ST: Anna?

AK: No.

ST: Thirty-one minutes after. (End of interview.)

GENERAL CROSS QUESTIONS OF SABRINA

HOW LONG MARRIED TO RON
WHEN MARRIED

CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE

BROOKE L. SORENSON DOB AUGUST 23 1993

BRITNEY E. SORENSON DOB MARCH 9 1992

BRIDGET J. SORENSON DOB DECEMBER 12 1996

BLAKE SORENSON

WHERE RESIDED DURING MARRIAGE
SINCE 2000 SEPARATE BED ROOMS, HOW MANY BATHROOMS

WHAT WORK DID RON DO

WHAT WORK DID YOU DO DURING MARRIAGE
NOW

RON WORK FOR SAFEWAY, FRED MEYER

TRUCK DRIVER

SINCE 2000

USUAL WORK HOURS \$4000 gross/month
HOURS PER WEEK

DAUGHTERS GO TO DOCTORS REGULARLY

COVERAGE

INVOLVED IN SPORTS

SABRINA 1

SO WERE THE GIRLS

BRITTNAY SAY WERE DAD RON TOUCHED HER
INAPPROPRIATELY

ASHLEY JOINS IN TO SAY RON TOUCHED HER TOO

BROOKE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT HER DAD
TOUCHING HER

TOLD HER GIRLS WOULD TAKE TURNS SLEEPING WITH YOU AND RON AND
KIND OF A TREAT

HAD SEVERAL TALKS WITH THE GIRLS OVER THE YEARS ABOUT
INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING

ALSO FROM SCHOOLS

OTHER SOURCES

VACATIONS TO THE BEACH ON THE OREGON COAST
RON'S BD

TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL AND
INVESTIGATOR ON JUNE 1 2011

TAPE RECORDED

Ann Klein present and Gail McClellan present

P2 ask bridget to confirm it was the one time ### ONLY IF BRIDGETTE HAS
TESIFIED RESERVE RIGHT TO RECALL SABRINA

In bed with you and ron, ron has hands if her pants or her hands in ron's pants-p3
She just leaves to bathroom

Not unusual for kids to sleep with them

All at once? One at a time? Who gets choice? SABRINA 3

She and Ron had talked many times with daughters about bad touching and how and duty to report p3 also page 13 tell the it doesn't matter who did it, including Ron

Prompted by Ron's sister's kids being molested

Schools and media prompting?

Didn't tell daughters about your molestation until Thursday 22 when talking about divorce and separation p4

Were getting a divorce and it was her fault because you (Sabrina) did not deal with your childhood molestation issues p6

%%% Bridgette said

Britney became unhinged

Brooke makes no accusations

Ron quit coaching when started driving truck because his schedule wouldn't allow it p15

Ron had several back surgeries had prescription for pain medications such as hydrocodone. He took them frequently up to the break up

%%% TAKE BEFORE GOING TO BED?

Interview of Sabrina Sorenson

June 1, 2011

ST: Steven Teply, Investigator

MF: Michael Foister, Attorney for Defendant

AK: Anna Klein, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

GM: Gail McClellan, Victim's Advocate, YWCA

SS: Sabrina Sorenson, Witness

ST: My name is still Steve Teply, T-e-p-l-y. This is a continuation of the Sorenson interviews at the Juvenile Justice Center in Clark County, Washington, on June 1st, 2011. Present is Anna Klein, prosecuting attorney; Mike Foister, defense attorney for Mr. Sorenson; and Ma'am if you could just state your name, please.

SS: Sabrina Sorenson.

ST: May I call you Sabrina, or would you prefer Mrs. Sorenson?

SS: Sabrina.

ST: Steve. Sabrina, do you know I am recording this, and do I have your permission?

SS: Yes, you do.

ST: Okay. How long have you been married?

SS: Since '91.

ST: And you have how many children between you and your husband?

SS: Four, and then Ashley.

ST: Was adopted.

~~SS: We had custody of her, but same thing.~~

ST: So, how old was Ashley when you had custody of her -- started?

SS: She came to live with us when she was at -- I think 13. I mean she was there periodically from the time she was younger, but officially came to live with us I think at 13, and then through the courts. I think it was her 8th grade year we started the process. It might have been her freshman year before it was official.

ST: Okay. So she's your daughter?

SS: Yeah.

ST: And who all lives at home still? Everybody but Ashley?

SS: My four, yeah, Britney, Brooke, Bridget, and Blake.

ST: Okay. Prior to this situation coming to your attention, how was your relationship with your husband? Would you describe it as typical, good, not good?

SS: Co-habiting. I don't know if that's a fair answer or not. We didn't really fight or anything. We were just living, I guess. Yeah.

ST: Okay. It doesn't sound like you were happy?

SS: No. Definitely, we were -- I don't think either one of us were, but we just weren't in love any more. It's not like we had any major problems.

ST: People fall out of love. So, when do you think that occurred? When you guys just basically started co-habiting as opposed to actually having a marriage per say?

SS: I honestly couldn't tell you when that started.

ST: Okay. Okay. When is the first time that you suspected that there might be some issues with your kids and your husband?

SS: Bridget had came forward in like about March or April, or it could have possibly even been like May, and I really at the time I thought that there was probably a mistake or -- yeah, and so I kind of set it aside, but that would be the first time. And it took me a few weeks and I talked to him about it, and he seemed to have all right answers, and it didn't -- like I thought really it was a mistake, and I talked to Bridget about it and asked her if -- you know -- and are you sure it was just one time. And so I let it go.

~~ST: Tell me a little bit about when she came to you and made that disclosure. How did that~~
come about?

SS: She was having some problems. She seemed way more interested in boys and a lot more things like that than the older girls ever were, and so I was like, "What's going on?" It didn't seem like normal behavior to me. I am not exactly positive how it came out, but she said -- But I remember we were in my room and she was on my computer, or sitting in the computer chair, and she said -- I remember this one time where she was in bed with us and she had woke up with -- not woke up, but dad has his hands in her pants, or her hands were in dad's pants -- I don't know. And she said that she got up to leave and that I was asleep, and I was in the bed as well -- she got up to leave and then he had asked her, "Where are you going?" and she said, "To the bathroom" and she never came back. And I do remember like she wouldn't -- It wasn't unusual for the kids to sleep with us. I didn't think it was a problem like -- yeah -- I mean it just -- and she wouldn't sleep in the bed if he was in there. I didn't know why, but she absolutely wouldn't.

ST: Do you recall what your conversation was when Bridget made this disclosure to you?

SS: Like what do you mean?

ST: Were you questioning her, or she just volunteered?

SS: Yeah, she just volunteered it. Like we were talking about the behavior she was doing.

ST: Okay.

SS: Yeah.

ST: So, you didn't ask her if she had been touched or molested by anybody?

SS: We've had those conversations in the past, but I don't -- I don't know that -- I don't think -- I mean I don't know that that's the way that went down that day. I know that there have been times in the past where both Ron and I had talked to the kids, but --

ST: Let's talk a little bit about that. It's in a report that you had some issues when you were growing up.

SS: Um-hum.

ST: About being molested by a relative, I believe?

SS: Um-hum.

ST: When did you start talking to your girls about the good touch, , bad touch, and reporting and things like that?

SS: I was actually -- Most of those conversations were actually not based off of myself at all. It was based off the fact that his sisters kids had been molested and so it was brought forward to us, and so there was certain times throughout our marriage where something like that on his side of the family would come up, and like we would talk to the kids and let them know that if there was a problem, they need to come forward to us. and so there was certain times throughout our marriage where something like that on his side of the family would come up, and like we would talk to the kids and let them know that if there was a problem. you know, that they needed to come forward. It wasn't necessarily based on my childhood at all. I pretty much had blocked it out, and it wasn't -- that really wasn't it. I'm sure subconsciously it was there.

ST: When is the first time you told any of your children about your molestation as a child?

SS: Thursday night, the 22nd. *she had told Bridget months earlier*

ST: That's when you were telling them about the divorce or the separation.

SS: Um-hum.

ST: And that's the first time you discussed your molestation with your anybody?

SS: No. actually, I think me and Bridget had talked about it when she had said that. It wasn't in detail or anything.

ST: Okay.

SS: I'm not positive.

ST: Okay. Alright. So. prior to Bridget, did you ever see anything upon reflection that you thought might be an issue, or --

SS: You mean looking back now, or before?

ST: Hindsight is always 20/20. Obviously, if you were looking back then and saw something you would have addressed it?

SS: Yeah. I mean -- I don't know that it's fair to sit here and second guess myself.

~~ST: I not asking you to second-guess-yourself.~~

SS: It's not necessarily second guessing myself, but I guess I've analyzed over the last few months of where I went wrong and how I messed it, and so I don't know. What I'm saying is I don't know that I can actually fairly -- I mean -- I don't know.

ST: Okay. Would you describe your relationship with your girls as close, average, or --

SS: Close, average, yeah. We have a good relationship.

ST: Okay. So, tell me what occurred when you got the girls together to tell them about the divorce or the separation.

SS: Leading up to that, or just that day? Is that what you want to know, or --

ST: Well, whatever -- sure, leading up to and then that day.

SS: Okay. Okay. Well, on Monday Ron and I had talked about it, and I hadn't told Ron about my own childhood, and I hadn't -- I couldn't get by what Bridget had said. I mean I couldn't get by -- And I hadn't told Ron about my own childhood, and I hadn't -- I couldn't get by what Bridget had said. Like I couldn't get by. And I tried. And even though she said it was one time, and I -- I just couldn't -- I couldn't look at him in the same way because of my own childhood, and so I didn't think it was fair to -- I talked to him about it and I told him on Monday -- I think it was Monday -- that we decided that we would separate and get those aligned, and just move on, and then it was Tuesday that I went back and went, "You know what, there's a little bit more to this. I just can't get over this, and this is why." And so I told him. And then on Thursday I didn't want the kids to be mad at Ron cause really I was feeling like -- you know -- it was my own issue. I hadn't dealt with my own childhood, and so then the issue with Bridget kind of really kept me from getting over -- get by it. Being able to look at him in a decent fashion. or just being able to move forward. And so then I didn't want them to be mad at him. and so I had told him that I was going to talk to the girls and tell them that we were going to get a divorce. and tell them about my childhood. Not in detail or anything. Just like to really like do a life lesson because I knew that Ashley had been molested, and I knew that she hadn't told her husband, and I really wanted to make this life lesson. which is why

~~Ashley was included in it. Basically, you know, don't let it come back twenty years later,~~
and don't second guess yourself because --

ST: When did you know about Ashley?

SS: Her -- I'm not exactly positive. I know that it had come out with her sisters, and there was a report filed, and it was later that Ashley had said that, yeah, it had happened to her, but nothing went forward with it. Like I don't know what ever happened with that. And so, yeah, that's why she was included in it, just because it was -- and I didn't want them to be mad at him for no reason.

ST: Okay. Sure. So what happened? You got them all together?

SS: Yeah. I called them and that morning Britney and Ashley were both working and I asked them to come by after work, and it was about 4:30 in the afternoon when I told Ron that I was going to talk to the kids, and he started flipping out, and I couldn't understand. I was like, "Why are you freaking out? Why do you need to be there? Why is this a big deal to you? This isn't about you. I mean, yeah, we're getting a divorce, but, this is about me --

ST: Well, I know, yeah, but this is about me. I'm taking the blame for this. Why are you freaking out? And so he left for work. And so then the older three -- or the four girls -- I say the three, but the four girls, and then Blake wasn't involved in the conversation. He was not old enough and there was no reason for him to be involved. And we went upstairs and I started basically trying to tell them -- you know -- I told them that dad and I were going to get a divorce, and that it was my fault because I didn't deal with my own childhood, and I was explaining that. And I had said that when this had come out about Bridget a few months back and it didn't even click that -- nobody else knew -- like I didn't know that -- I mean I knew, but it didn't click when I was having the conversation. And Britney just pretty much just came unhinged. She was just like "What? Wait? " You know. "Something happened to Bridget?" It was -- And the conversation took quite a while, but she buried her head in the pillow, or her hands, or something like that, and at that point I was like, "Okay. Did something happen to you?" And she just nodded her head. She was crying. I really honestly thought she was going to say that it was her

What could?

~~cousin because his sisters kids had stuff happen with them, and I thought it was going to~~

be kind of a doctor situation. I really wasn't expecting anything else. And then I -- Even though I probably should have because of the whole Bridget thing, but it still didn't click.

I didn't -- I just never really thought that he would be like that. It didn't click. And I started explaining the difference between if an adult had done something like that, and a kid. Not making it right. Like it's wrong either way, but it is different. So, I asked her, "So, is this -- Was it an adult or a kid?" And totally expecting her to say that it was her cousin. I wasn't expecting her to say it was an adult. And she said an adult. And I don't know how long went by, whether it was minutes or longer, I'm not sure. And I asked her who it was, and she said it was her dad. I was blown away. Ashley started crying. And she was like "I wanted to tell you." And, yeah.

ST: Very traumatic. What did you do then?

SS: The -- It all seemed surreal. It took me -- I don't know what exactly I did. -- I know I asked them, "Can I call Liz? I don't know what to do here?" And so I did. I called my best friend and said, "I have a problem. I need you here." Ron had been calling during the time we were talking, and he was texting all the kids and they were ignoring it. And then he was calling. And they were like, "Mom, he's calling you." And finally I picked up one of the phones, and actually I picked it up twice. They said -- He asked me if everything was okay, and I said, "Yeah." Because I wasn't sure what we were going to do at this point in time. And he says, "Can I talk to the kids?" and I said, "They're sleeping." And he -- He was like "Well, it's kind of early. What do you mean? I've tried them all." "Well, they went to bed." "Well, are they okay?" and I said.

Yeah, they're fine." And he kept calling. So, finally I picked up the phone, and I was like "No, this is not okay. They told me what happened. Don't come home. Don't come near here, or I'm going to call the cops." And he said, "Well, I need my medication."

ST: Was that his response to what you said? When you said, "They told me what you did."

~~Do not come home, or I will call the cops."~~

SS: Actually, I think his first response was, "What when I was high?" And I was -- I'm not positive, but I know that came out, and I was completely like -- I -- yeah -- you know what I mean. We did drugs when we were younger, but that wasn't the time frame. Like he had been clean for a really long time, or I thought he was. Yeah. I don't know.

ST: What kind of drugs?

SS: Methamphetamines.

ST: When did you stop?

SS: A long time ago. Couldn't tell you an exact time, but when the kids were really little.

ST: Okay. Over ten years?

SS: Yeah.

ST: That's a really long time. And did your husband quit the same time you did?

SS: -- I thought so. -- As far as I know. Well, I've been told he's using them now.

ST: Okay.

SS: Whether he is or not, I just don't have no --

ST: But there was nothing about his behavior when he was with you that indicated he was doing meth? You can usually tell when somebody does meth.

SS: Yeah. I don't think so.

ST: Okay. So, then what happened? Did he come and get his medicine?

SS: Yeah, we actually got some of his clothes together, a blanket and a pillow and waited for him to show up and I set it out by the mail box, and I just sat there and waited and watched to make sure that he got it. I didn't give him his sleeping pills because I was like -- and he really didn't take them any ways, and he was freaking out. And I said, "You know what, you don't normally take these, so --" I called his mom and I told her I wasn't going to give them to him, and she said, "Please don't" and so I didn't.

ST: What kind of medication is he taking?

SS: Hydrocodone and a sleeping pill, but he never took that and he never took the Lyrica either.

~~ST: What was the Lyrica prescribed for?~~

SS: I couldn't answer exactly what they charted it for. I can't even remember the name of it right now.

ST: Why was he taking Hydrocodone?

SS: He had a few back surgeries and he just never quit taking the medicine. Like I mean he quit a couple of times, but he had been going to the pain clinic I think for a while.

ST: Okay. So, then what was the next thing you did? Did you talk to your girls any more? Get any more detail. or did you leave it alone?

SS: I left it alone. I mean honestly -- I mean probably if they came to me and said something, I would listen, but I -- I didn't know what to do with it, and I was -- I knew that they were telling the truth. There is no doubt in my mind. Like there is no way that four of them said he did it. I mean it's that simple. I didn't know what I was going to do. I didn't know anything else. I didn't know what to do.

ST: What did you end up doing?

SS: We ended up turning it in. I mean it took a couple of days before the police were called. It took me a couple of days to wrap my hands around that this is really happening. Like - - cause I --

ST: It's a lot to absorb.

SS: We had a normal life. I mean even though we weren't in love any more -- There's probably a lot of people in the -- We were involved in softball, in the community, and everything else that would have never known the difference. So, it took me a few days to really wrap my hands around it.

ST: So, did you call 911?

SS: I think it was Ashley that actually made that phone call. but yeah. I called my parents. They came back and they were sitting there and it took into the weekend before that phone call was made.

ST: Okay. Then what happened? Did a police officer show up at your house?

SS: Yeah. Somebody came that day. CPS called me on Monday. I brought the kids in to talk

~~to them. And then it took a while before it got over here.~~

ST: Who did the police officer that shown, was it a uniformed polive officer that showed up at your house?

SS: I don't know. I can't remember.

ST: Do you remember who he talked to? He or she talked to?

SS: Yeah. He talked to me and I think Britney. I think. I'm not sure. It's a long time ago.

ST: Sure. So, then you came in here and talked to Evy?

SS: Um-hum.

ST: Do you remember who you talked to at CPS?

SS: Yeah, Monte Constable.

ST: Okay. Do you remember if she recorded that conversation, or just took notes?

SS: Who?

ST: Monte.

SS: Oh, it was a guy, but, no.

ST: No. Do you remember if Evy recorded it, or just took notes?

SS: I don't.

ST: Mike, did you have any questions?

MF: Yes. Are you divorced now?

SS: Separated.

MF: Separated. Are you in the process of getting a divorce?

SS: As far as -- Yeah. I'm at --

MF: Any legal proceedings?

SS: Yeah, the legal separation is done, but I'm not sure if the divorce papers ever got foiled or not, but I started the process.

MF: Okay. So, you filed the papers?

SS: Yeah.

MF: Do you have representation on that?

SS: I did, yeah, but we're kind of waiting, I guess.

~~MF: So, just time frames are always important to me. As I understand, the first information~~
you had that there may be some issue had to do with the Bridget6 discussion?

SS: Um-hum.

MF: And that was some time before the sit-down with the kids to say "We're getting divorced."

SS: Um-hum.

MF: About how long before?

SS: I would say a few months.

MF: A few months. Okay. And did you directly confront Sorenson with the Bridget information?

SS: Yes.

MF: -- And what was the response to that?

SS: He says he doesn't remember that. If he did it, he doesn't remember. He's like -- he had to have been asleep, or something.

MF: Okay. And you pretty much discounted it initially?

SS: I believed that she had that memory, but I really honestly thought like he must have thought it was me.

MF: Okay. So, it wasn't a culpable behavior?

SS: Yeah. Yeah, I thought that he wouldn't knowingly do that. That doesn't make it right, but --

MF: Was the marriage in trouble at that time when Bridget and you had that conversation?

SS: We weren't in love any more if that's what you're asking.

MF: Okay. Had you considered ending the relationship at that point?

SS: I think we both had talked about it a couple of times.

MF: So, that was a joint thing?

SS: Yeah, it wasn't like we were fighting or anything. We just had talked about maybe -- and it wasn't -- Yeah. We never fought so it was like really you weigh that -- what's better

~~for the kids. I don't know.~~

MF: Was there -- Did the first time that any information was delivered to other family members about the Bridget report was during the session where you were telling everybody you were getting divorced?

SS: Um-hum. I had talked to my friends when Bridget came forward to me, and that was it. I mean other than that, I didn't tell anybody else.

MF: And when that report was made to other family members, you had a reaction from Britney?

SS: And Ashley.

MF: And Ashley. Okay.

SS: Yeah. And then Brooke just got really quiet and upset.

MF: Okay. Then you at some point informed Sorenson to not come home, and there had been reports made, and he said something about when he was high? Were the reports like -- when I was high?

SS: What do you mean?

MF: Well, that's why I'm trying to understand.

SS: Yeah.

MF: I was a little confused about -- You had a conversation with Ron Sorenson?

SS: Yeah. I was on the phone with him.

MF: On this subject, and I am real curious to know what the content is for that conversation?

SS: Everything was so -- seemed to be going very fast that night. I don't know.

MF: So, you don't have any specific recollection of what he said?

SS: He said that -- I mean I can't -- I don't remember word for word how that conversation went down. We talked for a few minutes. I remember him saying, "What? When I was high?" I remember him saying, "That never happened."

MF: So, he denied the accusations?

SS: Yeah.

MF: During that conversation?

~~SS: I'm pretty---I don't know---I think so---I mean he never---Besides the one time, he never~~

-- I never heard him say it again like after that. He never -- And I remember talking to his mom afterwards too and saying he said, "What when I was high?" and I was like, "Why would you say that?" Like -- So --

MF: Okay. And as I understand, you and he had talked about the touching issue. In what context did that come in? It had something to do with some other family member?

SS: Um-hum.

MF: Ashley?

SS: Well, it had come up throughout the years more -- on more than one occasion where we would tell them basically if they had any problems, and no matter who it is -- It wasn't like we would sit there and badger them because that never happened, but it was like, you know, just the general talk of "If anybody makes you feel uncomfortable, you know to tell-- It's okay to tell. It doesn't matter who it is." And every time that that conversation would come up, either I or Ron would say, "It doesn't matter who it is. Like me, your dad, grandma and grandpa. It doesn't matter."

MF: Um-hum.

SS: And so everybody was always included in that. Like I always included everybody. It didn't matter who is was because it doesn't matter who it is, you're supposed to tell. And so I don't know like -- I don't know if -- I mean like we had the issue where his sister's kids had been --

MF: Um-hum.

SS: The older one had been molested, and then she -- and so then that situation came up. And then Ashley's sisters came up. And so it had come up throughout the years.

MF: Okay. And during these numerous conversations with your children about reporting if they are uncomfortable or touched by anybody, during all those conversations, did anybody make any report about something happening?

SS: No. No. Brooke's behavior changed like probably around the time she was maybe 8 or 9, or 10. And maybe that's normal. I don't know. But she became very withdrawn, and

~~she was a happy-go-lucky kid and always had a smile on. And her behavior had changed~~
dramatically.

MF: So, you have a recollection now that Bridget would not sleep in bed with you and your husband after a certain point in time?

SS: Yeah. Yeah. She wouldn't sleep in there if he was there.

MF: Did the other girls --

SS: Britney quit coming to bed when he was there too. She would say dad would throw his leg out. That was always her excuse.

MF: Okay.

SS: Like I'm not going to lay in there because Dad throws his leg up and I don't like that. Yeah. Brooke still went to bed.

MF: How about Ashley?

SS: Ashley didn't sleep -- I mean she slept in our bed, but not as much. Ashley would lay on the couch with him, or he would have Ashley lay on the couch with him. I don't know.

MF: Okay. How about Blake? Did he sleep in the bed with you and Mr. Sorenson?

SS: Um-hum.

MF: How long has he been on hydrocodone?

SS: Probably on and off for the last -- and probably equally on -- if not more on -- for the last probably 15 years -- ten years.

MF: Fifteen years.

SS: Ten years.

MF: So, is --

SS: Ten to fifteen. I don't know.

MF: What was his frequency of use?

SS: Like how often?

MF: Yeah.

SS: Like he gets 120 pills of the 10 milligrams a month.

MF: So, he takes them all the time?

SS: Yes.

MF: Is he addicted to them?

SS: I would say so to an extent. Sure. Yeah. I mean he is. He has to have them. And I don't know that he always needs them for the pain, but I think after a couple of back surgeries, he's got some pain too. So, --

MF: Do you think he takes them as a drug as opposed to pain reliever?

SS: I don't know that I can answer that. I mean --

MF: 120 a month. So, that's 4 a day essentially?

SS: Yeah. I mean that's -- He takes them.

MF: That's a continuous does. Okay. What does it do to him? Do you know? How does it affect him?

SS: I have no idea.

MF: Okay. And that -- Tell me about the softball. You said you are a softball family pretty much?

SS: Um-hum.

MF: What role did he play in the softball?

SS: Well, when they were younger he coached.

MF: Okay.

SS: And then he would -- You know -- we would go out and hit balls. I don't know. Play catch with them or whatever. And then once he started driving truck, he wasn't as involved any more because he couldn't. His schedule didn't allow for it.

MF: Okay. So, how was -- Was he driving truck when you guys split up?

SS: Yeah.

MF: How much money did he make? Do you know?

SS: Yeah. He made like \$62.

MF: So, he made pretty good money?

SS: Yeah, he made good money.

MF: How much is he making now? Do you know?

~~Reinstatement order in Nov~~
~~SS: He quit working in October. As soon as I got child support.~~

MF: Okay. In October.

SS: Actually, he's not quit, he's out on medical leave for mental health from what I understand.

MF: Mental health? What's the mental health issue?

SS: Because he took Blake out in October and he gave him all his possessions like his watch and his pictures and everything and sat there and told him that he was going to kill himself in front of him and brought a suicide note inside of a hat and put it on his head and sent him out the door, and then checked himself into a hospital for a week for suicide..

MF: This was October of --

SS: October 31st is when he -- He broke the restraining order. We actually have pictures of it, and then he called me at 5:30 and said, "You've got to get Blake. You've got to get him now. I'm going to bring him to the house." I said, "No, you are not. You are not coming to the house. I will go meet you at the police station." And when I got there Blake was -- he was in rough shape.

MF: Blake was with him for a visit?

SS: Yeah. Because it hadn't been processed through here, and so we went through a court over there and they gave him eight hours a day or something like that. Ten to 6:00 at night every Sunday. And so Blake was with him for a visit.

MF: Um-hum. Now, that was -- That incident was after this report had been made?

SS: Yeah.

MF: Okay. So, he knew this was all floating around at that point?

SS: Ron, yeah. Yeah.

MF: What did you say? You said you went and picked up Blake. You say "Blake was in bad shape." What was --

SS: Blake was -- I probably should have taken him to the doctor because he was very white. I would say he was in shock.

MF: From what?

SS: Ron sat there and said he was going to kill himself and that he was never coming back, and -- yeah, that he wasn't going to have a dad any more.

MF: Okay. So, from the interaction with his dad, he had a reaction?

SS: Well, I don't know If I would say interaction, but I would say from the behavior his dad did that day. His mom told me that it started at like 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

MF: Have you ever known Ron Sorenson to be suicidal? *never talked to her at all about this situation*

SS: Yeah. Yeah.

MF: Tell me about that.

SS: The biggest one would have been like maybe five years prior where he had some problems with work, and he was having a hard time getting along with everybody. He had hurt himself at work, and then he was having a hard time getting along. And he went through a few months where he was really having a hard time. Like they put him on medication for a little bit, and he refused to take it. And -- He was always depressed. I mean to an extent. I know that he was in -- I didn't know it until after I think we were married, but that he spent time in Tuscon Psychiatrich Institute as a child. I don't know why because I was always kind of scared to ask or something. And so he's always had some mental health issues.

MF: So, the suicide tendency, or discussion, or ideation, -- you know -- whatever -- would he do anything to --

SS: No. Besides just "I'd be better off dead. Nobody loves me anyways" kind of behaviors, it's not like he would go out and try to kill himself. Like --

MF: So, no efforts to affect the death?

SS: He would just talk about it.

MF: Okay. That's all I've got.

ST: One thing. A couple things. Do you remember on your husband's birthday when you and your family went to the beach?

SS: Yeah.

~~ST: Okay. And you had a room sort of over-looking the ocean with some rocks and stuff?~~

SS: Um-hum.

ST: Where was that?

SS: Just outside of -- It was the Trendwest resort, and I think we were outside of Lincoln City.

ST: Okay. Oregon?

SS: Yeah. Or Newport. Lincoln City -- Newport. Basically the same area, right?

ST: Yeah. Pretty much. How long have you lived in the State of Washington?

SS: We briefly moved to Arizona like ten years ago. The rest of the time we have lived here.

ST: Okay. That's it for me. Anything?

AK: No.

ST: The time is 11:00 o'clock.

(End of interview.)

CROSS BRITTNEY SORENSON

MIDDLE AGE OF THE DAUGHTERS

SCHOOLS

WHERE RESIDE 2000'S

SPORTS

OTHERS

REGULAR DOCTORS

RON AND SABRINA HAD NUMEROUS TALKS ABOUT BAD TOUCHING
SAID YOU COULD TURN IN ANYONE INCLUDING YOUR
GRANDFATHER OR YOUR FATHER

BEFORE PARENT BREAKUP DID YOU HAVE CABLE TV, INTERNET ACCESS

CLOSE TO YOUR SISTERS, COUSINS, LOOK OUT FOR THEM
PLAY WITH THEM—ALEXUS AND ASHLEY

DO YOU RECALL YOU FATHER WORKING LONG HOURS
TRUCK DRIVER

GET HOME PAST 6:00 PM—WHEN GET HOM
LEAVE EARLY

ALWAYS LONG HOUR?

Ron was a truck driver and gone a lot—transcript 3

HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH YOUR SOFT BALL LIFE
OTHER SPORTS OR ACTIVITIES

Transcript-p3 we all got along, family oriented, softball their lives
All got along great

COACHING, WHEN

BRIT 1

COME TO GAMES—HOW MANY PER WEEK
YOUR SISTERS GAMES

SPECIAL SPORT CAMPS, TRAINING

CALL BEING INTERVIEWED BY A DETECTIVE
WHO, WHEN

NOT RECORDED

Tell her never said anything about Dad's bad touching until you Mother said she was divorcing your Dad and that it was her fault because she had past issues with her child molestation

Say first touching was at hotel at a beach for Dad;s birthday
Lots of people there? Family
Who sleeping where

Touching occur when asleep in parents bed
Hands in your pants—what wearing
Where other girls

Your were about 11, not sure

Could this have been in Oregon

Other occasions
In Mom and Dad's beds

Details-your age, other sisters,

He never told you not to tell anyone

Always in bed with your Mother

TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW
With attorney, investigator, Anna Klein and Gail

Bad touching occurred in middle of middle school-p4
Grade?

First touching at the beach

BRIT 2

Wake up hands in pants, wake up and go to bathroom then other room
Not sure if Dad awake p5

Usual for one of the girls to sleep with your parents p5
What about Blake

Didn't tell anyone about touching till sophomore year
It had already stopped p5

Happened maybe 10 times p6
Always in mom's bed

While dad working late

How late

Follow you to different bed, couch
Where sisters, mom, time of night

Lock self in bathroom and slept there
Mom or sisters never heard any of this? P6
Sleep in bathroom many times? Lock it
Which bath room,? How many bathrooms?
Who else used

"fake woke up"

His hands in your pants
Your hands in his

Believe you touched his penis, didn't look p7
Believe v. know

Despite this you kept going back to sleep with you mother

Did you have your own room
Could you have slept with sisters
Locked your door

Never told sisters P7

Told best friend Desiree p8

Tell Mom about Ron's bad touching after she says their split up is her fault because of her child hood touching issues p10

State v. Sorenson
Interview of Britney Sorenson
June 1, 2011

ST: Steven Teply, Investigator

MF: Michael Foister, Attorney for Defendant

AK: Anna Klein, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

GM: Gail McClellan, Victim's Advocate, YWCA

BS: Britney Sorenson, Witness

ST: My name is Steven Teply, T-e-p-l-y. I'm at the county juvenile Justice Center on June 1st, 2011, conducting an interview regarding State v. Sorenson. Present, other than myself, is defense attorney, Michael Foister; Prosecuting Attorney, Anna Klein; Victim's Advocate, Gale McClellan. Are you with the YW --

GM: -- CA. Um-hum.

ST: Okay. And if you can just state your name, please.

BS: Britney Sorenson.

ST: May I call you Britney?

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Call me Steven. Britney, do you know that I'm recording, and do I have your permission?

BS: Yes.

ST: We've never met, right?

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Or in the spring time as the case may be.

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Okay. We're here to talk about your dad, right?

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Okay. How many brothers and sisters do you have?

BS: There's Ashley, Brooke, Bridget, and Blake, and then me.

ST: And you are the second oldest, or --

BS: Yeah, well, for actual kids -- Ashley's adopted, but technically she is the oldest, but then I would be the second, or the oldest if you don't count Ashley in for the adoption.

ST: Until this situation occurred, if someone were to ask you, tell me a little bit about your family, what would you say? How would you describe your family before this happened -- this incident?

BS: We were pretty family oriented. Like we all got along and softball was pretty much our lives so we all were at the softball fields constantly or practicing. So, we all got along great, so --

ST: At some point did your mom and dad start not to get along?

BS: They had their spurts. Like they would get along, and then they didn't, but it wasn't like major fighting so it was like hard to notice because they just stopped talking. So, they would get along and then they would just stop talking, but then again, he was a truck driver so he was gone a lot.

ST: How did you get along with your dad?

BS: Well, actually, when I was younger I was a daddy's girl until the whole situation

happened and then I kind of just didn't really care any more. So --

ST: I'm sorry. So, at some point did something happen with your dad that changed your feelings towards him?

BS: Just when everything happened.

ST: Just recently, or before?

BS: When everything started. Like in middle school. In the middle of middle school.

ST: Okay. How old were you?

BS: Probably around like -- It's like sixth or seventh grade, so like 11.

ST: Eleven or twelve maybe?

BS: Yeah.

ST: What happened?

BS: Well, I remember the very first time was -- I know for sure it was his birthday and it was -- We were at the beach and it was a hotel and I just remember waking up with his hands in my pants and I was sleeping --

ST: Um-hum.

BS: And then I was really scared so I didn't know what to do, and then I kind of like fake woke up and then went to the bathroom, and then I went into the other room because there was other rooms in the hotel.

ST: Um-hum.

BS: Because I initially just watched tv with mom and dad and just lay in their bed. So, then I went to the other room.

ST: Was this in your mom and dad's bed in the hotel, or --

BS: Yeah.

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ST: Okay. Was your dad -- Did your dad appear to be awake, or was his eyes open, or shut, do you recall?

BS: I was too scared to look. I don't know.

ST: I understand. So, you don't know whether your dad had his eyes open or closed, awake, asleep -- you don't --

BS: Yeah, I have no idea.

ST: Okay. Did he say anything?

BS: No, he didn't say anything that night until I fake woke up, and then he said, "Where are you going?" and I said, "The bathroom." And that's all I said, and that's all he said, and then I went to the other room.

ST: Okay. How do you fake wake up. I can understand faking sleeping, but usually you're --

BS: Yeah. Well, if you were just to wake up -- and I felt like it would be obvious to just to like spring up and so like I kind of just started moving around hoping that he would like pull back or something cause I didn't know -- I was in -- I didn't know what to do. So, then I started like moving around and then like slowly got up and then went to the bathroom.

ST: Okay. And as you were getting up, he said, "Where are you going?"

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Okay. Did you tell anybody about what happened?

BS: Yeah, but I didn't tell anybody -- It was already stopped, and I didn't tell anyone until around like my sophomore year.

ST: Okay. Let's go back. How many times did this type of thing happen?\

BS: I'm not -- Like I didn't exactly keep count, but I know it was probably around like ten or so -- cause I didn't really keep count like -- I know it was a lot, but -- yeah.

ST: Was it always the same type of thing? When you were in bed with your mom and dad, or was it different sometimes?

BS: Well, he was a truck driver and so I would like ask mom, and I would say, "Hey, is dad going to be off a certain time?" and so I would just sleep in bed with mom, and sometimes he got off early and so I just wasn't expecting it, but it wasn't always the same thing where he put his hands -- I woke up once with -- ~~where my hand was near him and then I fake like woke up again and then there~~ was occasions where I would like fake wake up and then I would move to a different bed, and then he would follow me to that bed, and so I would move to the couch and then he moved to the couch, and then so finally I just -- It was like I don't even know what to do any more and then I would just lock myself in the bathroom and just slept there.

ST: Did your mom and your sisters notice that you were sleeping in the bathroom?

BS: No.

ST: When you said that you fake woke up and your hand was close to him, what does that mean?

BS: Like in his pants.

ST: Okay. Your hand?

BS: Yeah.

ST: What do you think happened there, other than you were sleeping and your hand

was close to his penis?

BS: Well, I didn't really know what it was cause I was young so I was like -- I mean I felt that something was in my hand. Obviously --

ST: So, you believe that your father took his penis out of his pants?

BS: Yes.

ST: Okay. Did you see that when you fake woke up?

BS: No. I don't look ever.

ST: Okay. I understand. When he touched you was it on your skin or over your clothes, or your underwear?

BS: Well, at different occasions -- sometimes it would be over and then sometimes it would be on my skin.

ST: Okay. It was kind of scary, wasn't it?

BS: Yeah.

ST: I'm sorry. At any time when he was touching you, did his finger or any part of him ever go inside of you, or was it always on the outside?

BS: A little bit. I mean it wasn't a lot, but like the tips of his fingers, yes, would go in a little bit, but that's probably like when I would wake up -- fake wake up -- and get out of there.

ST: This is a hard thing to do and most young people don't, frankly, but did you ever confront your father and say, "Dude, what are you doing?"

BS: No. I was way too scared.

ST: Alright. Did you ever talk to your sisters about it?

BS: No. I thought it was just me so I didn't want to -- I didn't want to change like how -- like Dad was the one who made the money -- we all played softball --

and I figured if it was just me then if everyone loves Dad, then let's just keep it that way. So, I didn't think it was going to be anybody else. So, I didn't really expect it.

ST: That's a lot of responsibility to put on yourself, wasn't it?

BS: Yeah.

ST: You said you made a disclosure in your sophomore year?

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Who did you tell?

BS: I told my best friend, Desiree, which is still my best friend, and then my current boyfriend of my sophomore year around that time, and also it was my current boy friend's best friend, but he was also like my best friend too -- one of my best guy friends, and that's when I really got curious. Well, because it stopped then and so like my sister's boyfriend -- because I had just been wondering -- has anything happened to my sister, and like I always wondered that, and so I figured -- I was getting pretty close with her boyfriend -- like as really good friends, and so then like I finally like brought it up and asked him, and I told all of them, "Do not say anything ever, or I will never talk to you again because I do not want problems." And so those were the people that I told.

ST: Okay.

BS: And then a little bit later after I broke up with that boyfriend, I had a new boyfriend and I told him too.

ST: Okay. When is the first time you talked to an adult or an authority figure about this?

BS: The night that my mom found out, but I kept thinking about wanting to tell her,

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at D.S.H.S. records
This is a lie, Not first time I left.

but I was like -- I was way -- I didn't know what to do, and then when I saw that they were kind of separating -- like not really talking or anything -- that's when I told my mom. So, my mom was the first one to know and it was last summer.

ST: You talked to your sister's boyfriend, is that correct?

BS: Um-hum. Yeah.

ST: Because you were wanting to know if she had talked about any problems with your dad?

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Did you think about talking with your sister in person to find out?

BS: No. I didn't want -- Because if it was just me, I didn't want anyone else to think -- I mean it's their dad and I mean -- I obviously didn't care for him any more because of what happened to me, but if everything was fine between them, I didn't want to change it.

ST: So, tell me then about how this disclosure with your mom occurred? What happened then?

BS: Well, I was at work when she called and she asked -- or she told us that she wanted all of us girls to sit down and just have a talk, and I knew something was going to come up because -- just they hadn't been talking in so long, and so I kind of figured that they were splitting.

ST: Um-hum.

BS: And I was kind of hoping for that. And then so we all went upstairs because we have a (inaudible) above the garage, and like nothing -- so it's only one room up there, and we were all on my sister's bed, and she was just talking and telling us that her and my dad were going to split and that -- she said that it wasn't his

fault or anything. She felt it was hers. And then she told us about how when she was younger -- like stuff that happened to her -- that she thinks that it could be because of her that they were splitting because she went through like being molested and stuff when she was younger, and she never told anyone that. And she told us that she never even told our father that, and after she said that was a split, and then she was saying that it wasn't his fault, and she felt that it was hers for keeping something inside her that long. That's when I was like -- I knew I wanted to say it some time, and so when she was kind of already near the subject I was like, okay, I need to get a hint of some way saying like something happened to me too, and so I just started crying and put my head in the pillow, and she said, "Britney, what's wrong? Did something happen?" And so I just cried and put my head in the pillow, and so I said that it happened to me too. And then she said, "By who? Was it a friend, a family member, or what?" And then I cried and put my head in the pillow, and then she -- I kind of hinted to the fact that know it was actually someone closer by crying and I was like, "No", and then she goes, "Was it your dad?" and I said, "Yes", and then that's when Ashley started balling, and then Bridget did too, and Brook -- she had the like shocked look on her face because she was across the bed from me, and so I wasn't sure why they were crying, and then Ashley said that it happened to her too.

ST: How old was Ashley at the time?

BS: She's --

ST: You didn't know there would be a test, did you?

BS: Yeah. I'm not sure.

ST: Did she go in at that point into any details about what happened, or just say that that happened to her too?

BS: That it happened to her too.

ST: And then what happened?

BS: And then -- Well, mom was like so -- Well, when Ashley said it happened to her too and then Bridget started crying, and then she asked Bridget because Bridget didn't come out and just say it, and so -- yeah. And then Brooke didn't say anything the whole time. Like she was just in shock I guess. But when she asked Brooke, she said that she didn't do anything. So, I don't know.

ST: Since that night, who have you talked to about this?

BS: Like -- About what -- like --

ST: About the problem -- the touching problem with your dad? Did you talk to anybody from CPS? Did you talk to a police officer?

BS: No. Hum-um.

ST: At some point did you talk to Eve Oman?

BS: Oh, yeah, I talked to her.

ST: Okay. But you didn't talk to anybody before her?

BS: No. I know that when -- I know that -- I think my mom and Ashley talked to a cop, but then they said that they were just going to leave us out of it because we were going to have to talk to people later, and so the only person I've talked to since then is --

ST: Evy?

BS: Yeah.

ST: Okay. Have you talked to Anna about it?

BS: Not that I remember.

ST: Okay. Mike, do you have any questions?

MF: I just want to get the people straight in my mind. Ashley is adopted?

BS: Um-hum.

MF: So, what's her -- What's her actual relationship to you?

BS: She is actually my cousin.

MF: She's your cousin. Okay. And how old is Ashley?

BS: I don't know for sure. Yeah.

MF: Approximately?

BS: I would say around like 22.

MF: Okay. So, she's a little older than you?-----

BS: Yeah.

MF: And Bridget is how old?

BS: She's eighth grade.

MF: She's eighth grade now?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Okay. So, that makes her 14?

BS: Yeah. Somewhere around there. She was born in '96 if you want to figure it out.

MF: Okay. And Brooke would be how old?

BS: She is 17.

MF: Okay. And Blake is how old?

BS: He is 10.

MF: He's the baby.

BS: Yeah.

MF: Okay. And everybody indicated they had been involved in the incidents except for Brooke --

BS: Yeah.

MF: To begin with. And as I understand it, Brooke has now said that she too was involved, is that your understanding?

BS: I mean I've heard that, but I don't -- Brooke doesn't talk about it.

MF: Okay. So, you haven't talked directly to Brooke about it?

BS: No.

MF: Have you talked directly to Ashley or Bridget about anything?

BS: I don't like to go into detail with it, so like not really. I mean obviously they know that stuff happened, and I know that stuff happened to them because they said, yes, that's happened.

MF: Okay. Alright. So, you've indicated you were daddy's girl -- then you're -- except for Ashley you are the oldest?

BS: Yeah.

MF: You are the oldest natural born child between your mom and your dad?

BS: Um-hum. Yeah.

MF: Alright.

BS: Well, I was daddy's girl and then it kind of moved to Brooke afterwards and stuff. That's why I was so curious about what happened. That's why I talked to her boyfriend.

MF: And the incident that took place at the beach -- is that what I'm understanding -- the first one?

BS: Yeah.

MF: You think you were 11 or 12 approximately?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Which beach?

BS: I honestly don't remember. I can picture it in my head -- like what it looked like -- like it was a suite and if you looked out the slider doors, there was rocks and light shined on the rocks so you could see the waves, but I don't know what beach or what hotel.

MF: What state?

BS: I don't know. It was probably Washington, but like probably around Seaside or long beach probably because we never really went to the beach in California. It could have been Oregon or Washington. It was only one of those.

MF: Now, I know you don't like talking about the specifics, and I don't like talking about it either, but for purposes of court activity, we have to do that because the jury has to hear what the facts are. So, can you tell me a little bit about the specifics of the touching?

BS: Well, sometimes it would be just over pants during -- like the bottom -- and like I said, sometimes his fingertips were in, and then I know occasionally it was down my shirt like here, or on my boob.

MF: Okay.

BS: And then I know that he put my hand one time in his pants and -- I woke up one time with it between like -- not like in my butt, but between the butt cheeks.

MS: Okay. Like his hand, or --

BS: No.

MF: So, his penis?

BS: Yes.

MF: So, his penis between your butt cheeks?

BS: Yeah. Yeah.

MF: Was it an erect penis?

BS: What?

MF: Was it erect?

BS: Like --

MF: There's a colloquial phrase for it and I don't like to use it, but was it hard?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Okay. And this generally occurred, as I understand it, while you and he were sleeping in the same bed?

BS: Um-hum.

MF: Would anybody else be in the bed when this was going on?

BS: Well, not always, but most of the time, yeah, my mom was there because I would go in bed with mom, but I would be on the opposite end somehow because I would sleep next to mom, but then I guess when Dad came home from work or whatever and he went to bed, he slipped in between I guess. I don't know. Because I would end up on the outside.

MF: Okay. So, when you would get into bed to begin with, it wouldn't be mom and dad, it would be just mom?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Was that every time?

BS: Well, not the first time, but --

MF: Not that first contact. Okay. And then dad would come in?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Late.

BS: Some time.

MF: And then you said at some point he started following you?

BS: Yeah.

MF: So, tell me a little bit about that -- how it went down?

BS: Well, at first I was laying with my mom, and then when I woke up -- I usually just -- well, except for the first time where I fake went to the bathroom, then I went to a different bed. He didn't follow me that time. And then -- So, I just left and then I went to my bed, which when it happened before that's what I did, but he never followed me.

MF: Um-hum.

BS: And so then one night he just followed me to my bed and I woke up again.

MF: Okay. So, you are asleep in your bed --

BS: Um-hum.

MF: And when you wake up --

BS: He was there.

MF: Okay. In the bed?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Okay. And was there -- Was he doing -- Was he touching at that point when you woke up?

BS: Yeah, my boob though -- not like the bottom part.

MF: Okay. Alright.

BS: And then I moved from there to the couch thinking he wouldn't follow me again and get the hint that "hello, I'm moving. Obviously, I know what you are doing." Like it's not fake any more.

MF: Um-hum.

BS: And then I moved to the couch and he did that -- and then he did it again -- then I went to the bathroom, which -- I slept in the bathroom, but I woke up like really early because I couldn't really sleep that night.

MF: So, you made the decision just to stay in the bathroom?

BS: Yeah.

MF: And so when you were on the couch and he followed you --

BS: Um-hum.

MF: Did he get into a reclining position or sleeping position while you were on the couch?

BS: Yeah, because I was laying like all the way on the couch and then he slipped in behind.

MF: Any more touching then?

BS: I can't remember if there was more touching at that point.

MF: Okay. Alright. I think that's all I have.

ST: Anna?

AK: Nothing.

ST: The time is approximately 5 minutes to (inaudible). (End of interview.)

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

WHERE GREW UP IN 2000S
ONE HOUSE OR MANY

WHO LIVE WITH

OWN ROOM OR SHARE

ONE BATHROOM

ACTIVITIES

SPORTS—SOFTBALL
OTHER

SCHOOL

MOM'S WORK HOURS

DAD'S WORK HOURS
CONSISTENT

DAD'S INVOLVEMENT WITH SOFT BALL
OTHER SPORTS, SCHOOL

COACHING
WHEN, WHAT DO, HOW LONG

GOING TO GAMES AND PRACTICES

REGULARLY GO TO DR
SEE COUNSELORS AT SCHOOL

SCHOOL AND PARENTS TOLD YOU TO REPORT BAD TOUCHING
EVEN WITHIN THE FAMILY

BROOKE1

ACCESS TO CABLE TV AND INTERNET IN HOUSE
FACEBOOK

POST ABOUT YOUR LIFE
EVER SAY NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT YOUR LIVE

INTERVIEW BY POLICE

JULY 2010 , SAID NO BAD TOUCHING BY DAD RON

SAME DAY DECT. TALKED TO MOM, SISTERS AND ASHLEY

INTERVIEW BY ATTORNEY, INVESTIGATOR WITH ANNA KLEIN AND GAIL
MCCLELLAN PRESENT june 2011

TAPE RECORDED

Between interview with Dect and the june interview with defense had you talked
with your sisters and ashlely about what they said happened with your dad and bad
touching

This was after the divorce started
Custody and visitation issus were coming up
Child support and maintence issues were also coming up
Maintnence is money for mom from dad

Talk with police,gail others

Kids were happy at homep2

Ron really was never home, just you kids and mom p2

Bad touching from Ron
Don't know if in house we live in now or one before
Separate bedrooms
More than one bathroom

BROOKE 2

Thinks she was 13

Going to Frontier or Covington Middle school

At 13 go to sleep in parents bed p 3

Both parents there when you get in bed

Wake up with his hand in your pants

He could have been asleep

Still continues to sleep with them

How between girls and brother decide who was going to sleep with them

Ron ever ask you to sleep with them

Happens again a year later p4

You just leave

Ron not awake

After hear Mom's break up with Ron meeting and hear sisters decided you were not
imagining things p4

At break up meeting dad was at work

About what time

Was he usually at work then

For all 2000 s

Routine for Mom and Dad to warn and ask about bad touching, encourage you and sisters
to report p5

After mom talks about her childhood bad touching issues and how it was her fault the
marriage was over

Ashley, bridget and Britney start crying

BROOKE 3

Did they tell you mom the divorce was not her fault

They had been touched

Were they being supportive of your mom

You didn't say there was any bad touching between you and Ron

Later told friend Ty then Mom

Dect Oman second time talk

But not first time, after had disclosed to Ty and Mom

NEVER SAW BAD TOUCHING BY DAD WITH SISTERS, ASHLEY OR ALEXUS

WHEN ALEXUS LIVE WITH YOU

WHAT ROOM SLEEP IN

YOUR MOM USUALLY HOME BEFORE DAD

BABY SIT ALEXUS WHILE HER MOM AT WORK

SHE WOULD DO STUFF AFTER SCHOOL WITH YOU AND YOUR
SISTERS AND HER SISTERS

WHEN DAD GET HOME

BEFORE ALEXUS MOM PICK HER UP

DAD TAKE NAPS ON COUCH MUCH

WITH ALEXUS

*This ~~was~~ statement from Brooke was made after she had told
her mom to tell her dad that she needs a car for graduation
& was told that her dad has no money. Suddenly, Brooke was a victim also*

State v. Sorenson
Interview of Brooke Sorenson
June 1, 2011

ST: Steven Teply. Investigator

MF: Michael Foister, Attorney for Defendant

AK: Anna Klein, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

GM: Gail McClellan, Victim's Advocate, YWCA

BS: Brooke Sorenson, Witness

ST: My name is still Steve Teply. The time now is 35 minutes after 11:00. This is a continuation on the interviews of State vs. Sorenson at the Juvenile Justice Center in Clark County, Washington, on June 1st, 2011. Present, other than myself, is still Mike Foister, Anna Klein, Gail McClellan, and Brooke. Just state your name, please.

BS: Brooke Sorenson.

ST: Brooke, is it okay if I -- you know I'm recording and it's okay?

BS: Yes.

ST: Ookay. Why don't you describe your family to me -- what kind of a family it was before you had this meeting with your mom saying that they were getting divorced and everything kind of went a different direction.

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Was it a happy family, close family, not happy?

BS: ~~For the most part, we were happy. Us kids were happy, but it was like --~~ He was never really home so it was always just us kids and my mom pretty much. So, it wasn't anything. It was just we were happy, and when we saw him, we saw him.

ST: Okay. When you saw him, for the most part was he a good dad, mediocre dad, bad dad?

BS: I would say that he was an okay dad. It wasn't like he was a bad dad, but --

ST: Could have been better.

BS: Yeah.

ST: Okay. Did you ever have any problems with your dad touching you in a way that made you feel uncomfortable?

BS: Yeah.

ST: Or that was wrong to you?

BS: Yeah.

ST: Okay, They pay me a lot of money -- No, come to think of it, they don't pay me much money at all to ask these questions. I think it's important that I don't lead you. It's important that you tell me and I don't tell you. Sometimes a question is really kind of stupid, but there you have it. It's just the profession I chose.

When is the first time that something happened between you and your dad that made you feel uncomfortable, or that you felt was wrong?

BS: I honestly don't remember like the date or the year, but I know that it was like -- I don't remember if it was in the house we live in now or the one that we just lived in before. So, it wasn't like it was forever ago, but I don't know exactly

when.

ST: That's alright. Do you remember how old you were?

BS: I think I was like 13.

ST: How old are you now?

BS: Seventeen.

ST: So, you think you might have been 13?

BS: Yeah, somewhere around there.

ST: Do you remember what school you were going to?

BS: No, because it depends on if I would have been going to Frontier or going to Covington.

ST: Okay.

BS: Because I don't remember which house it was.

ST: Tell me what happened.

BS: Well, it was like when I was little, if I had like a bad dream or something like that I would just crawl in bed with my parents and so like I'd be -- I was laying in my parent's bed and I was sleeping and then I woke up and my hand was in his pants and I just thought it was weird so it was just like, "Okay. Well, that didn't really happen." Because I didn't think he would do something like that. So, then I just got up and went to the bathroom and back to my room. So, I didn't --

ST: Did you continue to sleep in their bed sometimes?

BS: After it happened, I just stopped cause I didn't -- I don't know -- just the way I was -- I was just like, "Well, he would never do something like that". So, it was just like it didn't happen kind of thing so I just kind of blew it off, but, yeah, I

didn't sleep in there for a while afterwards.

ST: But at some point did you go back to sleeping there?

BS: Yeah. Probably -- I would -- not -- I would say it was at least a year after.

ST: Okay.

BS: When my dad was home.

ST: Did you ever have any other problems with him at all of that nature?

BS: Yeah. There was -- it happened again later, but it was in -- It was in the house we are living in now so it was the same kind of thing except for like (this time like my hand was down his pants when I was sleeping and then I woke up with his hand down my pants, and I was like "Okay" and then I just got up and left did the same thing and it was just like "He wouldn't do something like that". So, then I just -- just went back downstairs.

ST: Did you tell anybody?

BS: Hum-um.

ST: Did you have any suspicions that there might be issues with your sisters and your dad?

BS: No, because I just -- I honestly didn't think he would do that because me and my dad were really close. I was like "That wouldn't happen." Like "He wouldn't do that to us" and then like I was still like "It didn't happen." And then when everything came out with my mom and they all said exactly like that that was -- that it happened to them and I was like, "Okay. That wasn't like a figment of my imagination or something like just thinking that." Just weird. Like it actually happened. Like I didn't think that he was doing that to anyone.

ST: Tell me a little bit about this family meeting that your mom called.

~~BS: He was at work and she called us all upstairs to -- I don't exactly remember~~
exactly how it went, but -- It's hard to remember. It was just we were all upstairs and she had Ashley come over so then her and Colton and her daughter were over, and they stayed downstairs and then Ashley came upstairs with us and we were all sitting on mom's bed and she was telling us that they were getting a divorce, and she said part of it was because she wasn't completely honest with him because of what happened to her as a child. So, then she went on to ask us if something had happened to us, and like that's not the first time she's asked us this because it wasn't, and so then she told us and then Britney and Ashley and Bridget also started crying, and I was just kind of sitting there in shock. So, then my mom knew that there was something going on after she asked, but -- So, then that's kind of when it all came out and I was just in shock so I just sat there.

ST: When is the first time you told somebody that something happened to you?

BS: I don't remember the date, but I know it was -- I don't remember.

ST: Okay. Let me help you out there a little bit. How long was it after this family meeting before you told somebody that your dad had touched you too?

BS: It was actually -- I'm pretty sure that I didn't like come out front and tell him directly, but like I told Ty that night because like I didn't stay at my house that night because my mom was telling my dad that he wasn't coming home, and I just didn't want to be there. So, then my mom sent me to the store and I went to the store and I was like "I'm not coming home" so then I stayed at my friend's house and he asked, "Well, are you okay?" and I was like, "Yeah, I'm fine." And he goes, "Did anything happen to you?" and I said, "I don't want to talk about it", but like so I kind of -- He knew. I didn't tell him, "yes" or "no", but I

*what made her think
it would drag out from the
very beginning*

~~just said I didn't want to talk about it. So, that was that, and then I told my mom~~

after -- cause when we came here the first time -- I don't remember when that was -- I said nothing had happened because I just didn't want to talk about it, and I just didn't want to be involved in everything, and I didn't want him to be able to drag it out like he is. So, I just didn't want to deal with it. And then afterwards, I came back and was like, "Well, this happened."

ST: When did you come back, and who did you talk to when you came back, and when you say "come back here?"

BS: Yeah. It was the detective.

ST: Evy?

BS: Yes.

ST: So, you talked to Evy twice?

BS: Yes.

ST: And the first time you said that nothing had happened?

BS: Yeah.

ST: Okay. And then the second time you told her?

BS: Yeah.

ST: Okay. Other than Evy and us today, have you ever talked about what happened?

BS: No.

ST: Okay. Softball player?

BS: Yeah.

ST: What position?

BS: (Inaudible.).

BS: Yeah.

MF: She is living some place else. And the subject of this case never comes up?

BS: It does, but nobody ever wants to talk about it. It's just -- "You guys know what's going on. If you need to talk to me, you can" is basically all she says.

MF: Okay.

BS: But other than that everybody just blows it off because it's just -- Why bring up something when everybody is upset about it?

MF: How often does your mom say that -- "If you need to talk, I'm here"?

BS: Not very often. It 's just whenever she sees we're having a problem.

MF: Okay. That's all I've got.

ST: One thing is, has anybody talked to you and your sisters about talking to a counselor of if there's one available for you?

BS: Well, I go see a counselor every Thursday, but I don't ever -- It doesn't -- like it's == So, I guess I have told him, but it hasn't come up really.

ST: Well, what's between you and your counselor is between you and your counselor. Okay. Do you know if any of your other sisters have seen anybody?

BS: They're not.

ST: Okay. Just you?

BS: I know Bridget went in there once, but I don't think she's gone back that I know of.

ST: Okay. Where is this?

BS: By the Vancouver Mall.

ST: I know where it is. Anna, do you have any questions?

AK: No.

ST: Tough position. How do you like it?

BS: I like it.

ST: Have you got good knees?

BS: Not any more.

ST: That's usually what happens when you are a catcher. Plan on playing in college?

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Any good?\

BS: I'm decent.

ST: Decent isn't bad. Most people aren't. Have a major that you are thinking about in college?

BS: Not yet.

ST: Well, there's time.

BS: Um-hum.

ST: Plans for the summer?

BS: Work.

ST: You already have a job?

BS: Yeah. I worked at Donna's Uniform last year -- last summer. So, I'll go back there.

ST: Do you have any questions?

MF: I just -- This case has been going on a while and everybody has continued to live together -- you and your sisters involved?

BS: Yeah. Except for Ashley.

MF: And Ashley is not?

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

SCHOOLS

WHERE LIVED

SEPARATE ROOM
NUMBER OF BATHROOMS

DADS WORK-SCHEDULE

PARTICIPATION IN YOUR ACTIVITIES
SPORTS SOFT BALL

HOW MUCH-TEAMS, PRACTICES, CLINICS-GAMES

DAD COACHING

TAPED INTERVIEW WITH DEFENSE LAWYER, INVESTIGATOR, ANNA KLEIN
AND GAIL MCCLELLAN

WHEN --JUNE 2011

DESCRIBE FAMILY AS PRETTY MUCH GETTING ALONG
BRITTNEY AND DAD WOULD BUTT HEADS
BRITTNEY CLOSE TO MOM
BROOKE AND BLAKE CLOSE TO DAD

NEVER SAY ANYTHING TO INDICATE SOME SORT OF BAD TOUCHING
HAPPENING WITH SISTERS, ASHLEY OR ALEXUS WITH YOUR DAD

BRIDGE 1

REALLY YOUNG WHEN IT HAPPENED WITH YOU P4

SECOND OR THIRD GRADE, 6 OR 7 YEARS OLD

IN MOM AND DADS BED

YOU WERE IN MIDDLE

HE GRABS YOUR HAND PUT IT IN HIS PANTS, YOU

LEAVE

HE NEVER TOLD YOU NOT TO TELL ANYONE

NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT

DIDN'T TREAT YOU DIFFERENTLY AFTER P5

WAS HE AWAKE?

YOU LEAVE GO TO BATHROOM AND DON' COME BACK TO BED WITH HIM
AND YOUR MOM

OWN BEDROOM

ONE OR MORE BATHROOMS?

YOU NEVER TALKED TO ANYONE ABOUT IT UNTIL AUGUST OR SEPT OF
2010

YOU WERE TEXTING A BOY\

WHAT IS TEXTING

MOM GOT MAD ABOUT YOU TEXTING A BOY P5

Mom said you were acting different

Says its alright to tell you anything

Tells you about her child hood experience of being molested

She was trying to get you taking about texting the boy

Who was the boy

Age

You had already been grounded for 3 months p9 for what?

Texting boys, hanging out with them

Tell her dad touched you and you thought he was sleeping but not sure

About three week to 2 months later she has the talk with you and the other girls about he
divorcw p6

Don't know if Dad's private part was hard or soft -page 6

Touched about 3 seconds

BRIDGE 2

Never talked to sisters about the touching. They never told her about Ron touching them before the Mom's divorce talk

In Mom's divorce talk she said she had been molested when younger
Felt it had ruined her marriage
Because she never told your Dad and got treatment

And you sister and Ashley were trying to be supportive of her
Saying the divorce was not her fault

You all had been molested to

Makes Dad the bad guy

~~ST: Okay. So, you've never talked to your sisters?~~

BS: They know better than to ask.

ST: Hum?

BS: They don't really ask.

ST: Okay. Has any of your sisters disclosed to you any information about what your dad did to them?

BS: No.

ST: Have you talked to any police officers other than Evy?

BS: No.

ST: Okay. Have you talked to Anna yet?

BS: I did a while back.

ST: Did you come in and see her?

BS: Yeah.

ST: Have you talked to anybody at your school? Any BFF's? Any boyfriends? Anything about what happened to you?

BS: No.

ST: Really?

BS: Well, my best friend kind of ended up (inaudible), but I didn't really go into any details. She just kind of wanted to know what happened to dad, and I just said, "Legal stuff" and she said, "Okay." And then she didn't really bring it up.

ST: Okay. Do you have any questions. Michael?

MF: Just the time marker. As I understand it, you had gotten in trouble for some behavior issues involving texting?

BS: Um-hum.

MF: And your mom got on you about that, and in that process of talking about the texting she told you that she had been sexually abused as a child?

BS: Yeah.

MF: (Inaudible.) So, in what context did it go from "I'm mad at you for texting this guy"

~~to "By the way, something happened to me when I was a kid"?~~

BS: It was more like she was -- I had already been grounded for like three months before that because she knew like right after. So, I had already been grounded about it, and she was just basically saying how unsafe it is, and like how wrong it is, and then she started asking why I was always so like distant and like quiet all the time. And then I said, "I really don't know." And then she said, "Are you sure nothing happened?" and she was like, "Like he didn't do anything to you?" and I was like, "No." and she was like, "Okay." And then I was like, "Yeah." And then she started asking me about like "Has anything ever happened to you that you haven't told me?" and then I told her, "No." and then she's like, "Are you sure?" and I said, "Yeah." And then she's like, "Okay. Well, nothing's ever happened?" and I was like, "I don't know." And then I just stopped talking. And she was like, "Well, what happened?" and then I kind of started getting into it, but I didn't say names or what happened or anything. And then she told me: "And I think the only reason she told me was because she felt like if she was to tell me then I would trust her, which is kind of how it worked out."

MF: Okay. So, you tell her -- And there was only one incident that you were --

BS: That I remember.

MF: That you remember. And after that incident did I hear you say you quit sleeping in your mom and dad's bed?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Okay. So, you just went to your own bed?

BS: Yeah.

MF: Okay. So, you told your mom during this discussion about your texting?

BS: Yeah, it was like at the end. Like we were already done talking about the whole texting deal.

MF: And that was before --

BS: My mom talked with my sisters.

MF: The type of day -- Apparently, there was a day when everybody went upstairs and mom

*Bridget was with
mom + she +
mom had watched
a movie in her
room. The couple of
nights before
anything happened*

says-

BS: Um-hum.

MF: -- Dad and I are splitting.

BS: Getting a divorce.

MF: Yeah. And that was the time when other people started talking about it?

BS: Yeah, because she -- She was kind of apologizing because she thought it was her fault for not going and taking care of it before, and she felt that that's what ruined her marriage. So, she felt that it was her responsibility to share that with us and say that she was sorry. And then everybody kind of just disclosed that she shouldn't be sorry. It's no big deal. If you're not happy, then you're not happy.

MF: And that was -- And that particular day was after the texting conversation?

BS: Yeah.

MF:-- And your mom indicated to you that she would talk to your father about your accusation against him? *Bridget said earlier in this statement that she did not mention anyone.*
Why did she say she would talk to Dad?

BS: Um-hum.

MF: Do you know if she ever did that?

BS: She said that she did talk to him about it. Then she said that he completely denied it. And that's pretty much all he said was, "No, it didn't happen." And then she said, "But he's not going to say anything to you because I asked him not to."

MF: Alright. I think that's all I have at this point. Clear about that.

ST: Anna?

AK: Nothing.

ST: The time is approximately 17 minutes after.

(end of interview.)

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